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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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SECOND SESSION OF THE SECOND PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH JUNE, 1905.

1. The House of Representatives met pursuant to Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor-General, bearing date the twenty-second day of May, 1905, which Proclamation was read at the Table by the Clerk, as follows :—

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency the Right Honorable Henry Stafford, Baron Northcote, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Grand Commander of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire, Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth of Australia.

Australia to wit.
NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General.

WHEREAS by the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act it is amongst other things enacted that the Governor-General may appoint such times for holding the Sessions of the Parliament as he thinks fit, and also from time to time by Proclamation or otherwise prorogue the Parliament : And whereas on the twenty-eighth day of April, One thousand nine hundred and five, the Parliament was further prorogued until Friday, the twenty-sixth day of May, One thousand nine hundred and five, and it is expedient to further prorogue the said Parliament : Now, therefore, I, Henry Stafford, Baron Northcote, the Governor-General aforesaid, in exercise of the power conferred by the said Act, do by this my Proclamation further prorogue the said Parliament until Wednesday, the twenty-eighth day of June proximo, and I do appoint the said Wednesday, the twenty-eighth day of June proximo, as the day for the said Parliament to assemble and be holden for the despatch of business. And all Members of the Senate and of the House of Representatives respectively are hereby required to give their attendance accordingly, in the Building known as the Houses of Parliament, situate in Spring-street, in the City of Melbourne, at half-past Two in the afternoon, on the said Wednesday, the twenty-eighth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and five.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth of Australia aforesaid, this twenty-second day of May, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and five, in the fifth year of His Majesty's reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

A. McLEAN.

GOD SAVE THE KING !

2. Mr. Speaker read Prayers.

3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL BY THE USHER OF THE SENATE.—The following Message was delivered by the Usher of the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

His Excellency the Governor-General desires the attendance of the House of Representatives in the Chamber of the Senate forthwith.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker with the Members of the House went to attend His Excellency :—And having returned—

4. JURY EXEMPTION BILL.—Mr. Dugald Thomson moved, by leave, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for an Act to Exempt certain Persons holding Public Positions in the Commonwealth from Serving as Jurors.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Dugald Thomson then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to Exempt certain Persons holding Public Positions in the Commonwealth from Serving as Jurors*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

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5. His Excellency the Governor-General's Speech.—Mr. Speaker reported that the House had this day attended His Excellency the Governor-General in the Senate Chamber, when His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of the Parliament, of which Mr. Speaker said he had, for greater accuracy, obtained a copy, which read as follows :—

Gentlemen :

I have called you together, after a reasonable recess, to resume your Parliamentary duties.

2. In 1903 plans for the distribution of seats throughout the Commonwealth were prepared by Commissioners appointed in accordance with the provisions of the Electoral Act, and were submitted to Parliament.

3. The Divisions recommended for South Australia and Tasmania were adopted by both Houses. Those for New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, and Western Australia were rejected by the House of Representatives.

4. During the recess My Advisers, in accordance with their duty under the law, appointed Commissioners for those four States in order that new Divisions might be submitted, and the Reports containing their recommendations have been furnished to the Government.

5. It is the intention of My Advisers to submit these proposals for your consideration without delay.

6. Address in Reply to His Excellency the Governor-General's Speech.—Mr. Reid moved, That a Committee, consisting of Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Fuller, Mr. McWilliams, and Mr. Robinson, be appointed to prepare an Address in Reply to the Speech delivered by His Excellency the Governor-General to both Houses of the Parliament.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the Committee do report this day.

7. Papers.—Mr. Reid presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

British New Guinea—Annual Report for the year ending 30th June, 1904.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. McLean presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—

Customs Act 1901—Regulations—

Enforcement of Penalties, &c. (Statutory Rules 1905, No. 21).
Fees for Warehouses (Statutory Rules 1905, No. 18).
Standards for Condensations, &c. (Statutory Rules 1905, No. 39).

Public Service Act 1902—H. B. Skertchly and C. S. Teece—Appointments as Junior Assistant Examiners—Patent Office, Department of Trade and Customs.

Sir George Turner presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Audit Act 1901—Transfers of Amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council—

Financial Year 1903–4 (dated June, 1905).
Financial Year 1904–5 (dated June, 1905).

Mr. Dugald Thomson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—

Electoral Act 1902—

New South Wales—Report and Maps (2) of the Commissioner (Judge Murray) appointed for the purpose of distributing the State of New South Wales into Electoral Divisions.
Queensland—Report and Map of the Commissioner (Mr. R. H. Lawson) appointed for the purpose of distributing the State of Queensland into Electoral Divisions.

Public Service Act 1902—Regulations amended—

No. 104—Shipping Patrol Officer, and repeal of Statutory Rule No. 46 of 1904 (Statutory Rules 1905, No. 8).
No. 229—Persons registered, and repeal of Statutory Rule No. 66 of 1904 (Statutory Rules 1905, No. 11).
No. 102—Seniority, &c., and repeal of Statutory Rule No. 74 of 1904 (Statutory Rules 1905, No. 17).
Nos. 36 and 104—Officers to obey summons, &c. (Statutory Rules 1905, No. 28).
Nos. 263, 264, 265, 266, 267A—Boards of Inquiry (Statutory Rules 1905, No. 33).

Property for Public Purposes Acquisition Act 1901—Land acquired under, at—

Armidale, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.
Gular, New South Wales—As a site for a Post-office.
Humula, New South Wales—As a site for a Post-office.
Kingston (The Rock), New South Wales—As a site for a Post-office.
Lismore, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.
Mullumbimby, New South Wales—As a site for a Post-office.
South Richmond, Victoria—As a site for a Post-office.

Mr. McCay presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—

Defence Acts 1903–1904—Regulations amended, &c.—

Military Forces—

Regulations—

Inspector of Ordnance Machinery, Armament Artificers (Statutory Rules 1905, No. 34).
Amendment omitting " General Officer Commanding," &c. (Statutory Rules 1905, No. 3).
Parts I. and IV., Inspector-General, Council of Defence, &c. (Statutory Rules 1905, No. 2).
Part III., para. 49—Quartermasters (Statutory Rules 1905, No. 15).

Part V., paras. 217–18—Repairs, &c. (Statutory Rules 1904, No. 80).
Part VI., paras. 180, 193—Canteens, &c. (Statutory Rules 1905, No. 14).
Part XI., para. 58—Meritorious Service Medal (Statutory Rules 1905, No. 35).

Financial and Allowance Regulations—
Part I., sec. IV., para. 50—Tenders (Statutory Rules 1905, No. 20).
Parts I., II., IV., VI.—Rates, &c. (Statutory Rules 1905, No. 27).
Parts I. and VI.—Damaged Stores, Staff Rides, &c. (Statutory Rules 1904, No. 79).
Parts I. to VI., X. to XII.—Omitting "General Officer Commanding," &c. (Statutory Rules 1905, No. 6).
Part IV., para. 113—Compensation for Injuries, &c. (Statutory Rules 1905, No. 10).
Part IVA., paras. 115A and 115B—Compensation for Injuries, &c. (Statutory Rules 1904, No. 78).
Part VI., para. 123A—Commandant (Statutory Rules 1905, No. 16).
Part VI., paras. 129 and 134—Pay during Instruction Courses and Bonuses (Statutory Rules 1905, No. 22).
Part XIII.—Badges (Statutory Rules 1905, No. 9).

Naval Forces—
Regulations—
Amendment substituting "Director of the Naval Forces," &c. (Statutory Rules 1905, No. 4).
Part I.—Addition *re* Council of Defence, &c. (Statutory Rules 1905, No. 1).

Financial and Allowance Regulations—
Amendment substituting "Director of the Naval Forces" (Statutory Rules 1905, No. 5).
Part II., paras. 50 and 51—Pay of Chief Engineer, &c. (Statutory Rules 1904, No. 83).
Part IIIA., paras. 56A and 56B—Compensation for Injuries, &c. (Statutory Rules 1904, No. 77).
Part IX., para. 83—Engine-room Artificers (Statutory Rules 1904, No. 82).

8. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—Mr. Fuller brought up the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech prepared by the Committee appointed this day, and the same was read by the Clerk, as follows :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the House of Representatives of The Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, beg to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament.

Mr. Fuller moved, That the Address be agreed to by the House.
Mr. McWilliams seconded the motion.
Mr. Watson moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

9. DAYS OF BUSINESS.—Mr. Reid moved, by leave, That, until otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the despatch of business at half-past Two o'clock on each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoon, and at half-past Ten o'clock on each Friday morning.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Reid moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-three minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Frazer, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. McColl, and Mr. Bruce Smith.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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No. 2.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 29TH JUNE, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Wilson presented a Petition from H. A. Cations and others, citizens and residents of Teesdale and Broadmeadows, Victoria, praying that stringent prohibitory legislation, such as is in force in New Zealand, against the importation of opium for smoking may be enacted.

Petition received.

Mr. Wilkinson presented a Petition from Jack Booka and others, styling themselves coloured farmers in the Nambour District, Queensland, holding leases of farms on which sugar-cane is grown, praying that, in the event of their being returned to their own country as proposed, they be paid £100 for every year that is unexpired in their leases, as compensation for losses suffered through such return.

Petition received and read.

3. PAPERS.—Mr. Dugald Thomson presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Electoral Act 1902—

Victoria—Report and Map of the Commissioner (Mr. C. A. Topp) appointed for the purpose of distributing the State of Victoria into Electoral Divisions.

Western Australia—Report and Map of the Commissioner (Mr. Malcolm A. C. Fraser) appointed for the purpose of distributing the State of Western Australia into Electoral Divisions.

4. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General, be agreed to by this House :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, beg to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Deakin moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the Address :—"but are of opinion that practical measures should be proceeded with."

Debate continued.

Mr. Spence moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Reid moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at seven minutes to ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT—All Members were present except—Mr. Frazer, Mr. McColl, and Mr. Bruce Smith.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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No. 3.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 30TH JUNE, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General, be agreed to by this House :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, beg to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament, *and on the amendment proposed thereto, viz.* :—That the following words be added to the Address :—" but are of opinion that practical measures should be proceeded with "—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 42.		Noes, 25.	
Mr. Bamford,	Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Cameron,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. McWilliams,
Sir Langdon Bonython,	Mr. Mauger,	Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. McDonald,	Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Skene,
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. O'Malley,	Sir Philip Fysh,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Page,	Mr. Gibb,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Glynn,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Poynton,	Mr. Johnson,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Culpin,	Sir John Quick,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Wilson.
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Ronald,	Mr. Knox,	
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Salmon,	Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Spence,	Mr. Liddell,	*Tellers.*
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Storrer,	Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Fowler,	Mr. Thomas,	Mr. McCay,	Mr. Wilks.
Mr. Groom,	Mr. David Thomson,		
Mr. Harper,	Mr. Watkins,		
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Watson,		
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Wilkinson.		
Mr. Hutchison,			
Mr. Isaacs,	*Tellers.*		
Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Hume Cook,		
Mr. Kingston,	Mr. Tudor.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to by this House :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, the House of Representatives of The Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, beg to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament, but are of opinion that practical measures should be proceeded with—

put and resolved in the affirmative.

3. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Reid moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Reid moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at nineteen minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Conroy, Mr. Frazer, Mr. Fuller, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McColl, and Mr. Bruce Smith.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH JULY, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Wilson presented a Petition from C. Stuart Ross and others, citizens and residents of Darlington and elsewhere, Victoria, praying that stringent prohibitory legislation, such as is in force in New Zealand, against the importation of opium for smoking may be enacted.

Petition received and read.

Similar Petitions were presented from certain citizens and residents of Victoria, as under :—

By Mr. Crouch—
From William Goyen and others, of Oaklands Junction and elsewhere.
By Mr. Isaacs—
From J. J. Munro and others, of Palmerston and elsewhere.
From J. H. Angus, of Wangaratta, and others.
By Mr. Knox—
From J. A. Robertson and others, of Hawthorn and elsewhere.
By Mr. McLean—
From G. M. Connor and others, of Sale.
By Mr. Phillips for Mr. Kennedy—
From W. Tait and others, of Nathalia and elsewhere.
By Mr. Ronald—
From Elsie S. Tait and others, of South Yarra and elsewhere.
By Mr. Salmon—
From H. Cameron and others, of Captain Gully and elsewhere.
From J. Smiley and others, of Learmonth and elsewhere.
By Mr. Skene—
From J. A. Rodger and others, of Tarnagulla and elsewhere.
From J. Haberle and others, of Bet Bet and elsewhere.
From R. J. H. McGowan and others, of Beaufort and elsewhere.

Mr. R. Edwards presented a similar Petition from On War Tai and others styling themselves Chinese merchants and importers resident and carrying on business in Brisbane.

Petitions severally received.

3. RESIGNATION OF MINISTRY.—Mr. Reid informed the House that, after the division taken in the House on Friday last, Ministers had considered the position and had decided to tender to His Excellency the Governor-General advice for a dissolution. His Excellency had not seen fit to accept the advice, and Ministers had tendered their resignations, and now held office only until their successors could be appointed.

4. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Reid moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Friday next, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Reid moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at seven minutes past three o'clock p.m., adjourned until Friday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Brown, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Culpin, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. Mahon, Mr. McColl, and Sir John Quick.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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No. 5.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 7TH JULY, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. FORMATION OF NEW MINISTRY.—Mr. Deakin informed the House that His Excellency the Governor-General having accepted the resignation of the late Government, had commissioned him to form a new Administration, and that he had accordingly formed it as follows :—

The Honorable Alfred Deakin to be Minister of State for External Affairs ;
The Honorable Isaac Alfred Isaacs to be Attorney-General ;
The Honorable Sir William John Lyne to be Minister of State for Trade and Customs ;
The Right Honorable Sir John Forrest to be Treasurer ;
The Honorable Austin Chapman to be Postmaster-General ;
The Honorable Thomas Playford to be Minister of State for Defence ;
The Honorable Littleton Ernest Groom to be Minister of State for Home Affairs ;
The Honorable Thomas Thomson Ewing to be Vice-President of the Executive Council ; and
The Honorable John Henry Keating to be a Member of the Executive Council.

3 ADDRESS IN REPLY.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Address which had been agreed to in reply to the Governor-General's Speech on the Opening of Parliament, would be presented to His Excellency in the Library, at a quarter to three o'clock this afternoon. Mr. Speaker stated that he would be glad if such honorable Members as were able to do so, would accompany him to present the Address.

4. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1), 1905-6.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented by Sir John Forrest, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 1.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of The Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and six.

7th July, 1905.

Ordered to lie on the Table and to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

5. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented—

House of Representatives—General Index to Votes and Proceedings and Presented Papers, 1901-1904.

Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

British New Guinea—Report by the Administrator respecting certain matters brought under notice in the House of Representatives on the 23rd November, 1904.

Trade between Australia and South Africa—Report by Mr. H. J. Scott (of Brighton, South Australia).

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Deakin presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
Immigration Restriction Act 1901—
Return of—
(*a*) Persons refused admission to the Commonwealth during the year 1904.
(*b*) Persons who passed the prescribed test during the year 1904.
(*c*) Persons admitted without being asked to pass the Education test during the year 1904.

Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
Electoral Act, 1902—Victoria—Technical Descriptions of proposed Electoral Divisions of the State (in completion of Report presented 29th *ultimo*).

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
Naturalized Chinese and Japanese—Return to an Order of the House, dated 27th October, 1904.

6. Presentation of Address in Reply to His Excellency the Governor-General.—Mr. Speaker, with several Members of the House, went to attend His Excellency in the Library, and having returned, Mr. Speaker reported that he had presented the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech on the Opening of Parliament, agreed to by the House on the 30th ultimo, and that His Excellency had thanked the House for their Address.

7. Suspension of Standing Orders—Supply.—Sir John Forrest moved, by leave, That the Standing Orders be suspended in order to enable the House to forthwith resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Supply to be granted to His Majesty, and to enable all steps to be taken to obtain Supply and to pass a Supply Bill through all its stages without delay.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

8. Chairman.—Mr. G. B. Edwards moved, That Mr. Speaker be requested to take the Chair as Chairman for this day of sitting only.
Debate ensued.
And the question having been amended by the substitution of the name of the honorable Member for Kennedy (Mr. McDonald) in place of Mr. Speaker—
Question—That the honorable Member for Kennedy (Mr. McDonald) be requested to take the Chair as Chairman for this day of sitting only—put and resolved in the affirmative.

9. Supply.—The House thereupon resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.
Mr. McDonald also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, at its next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

10. Supply Resolution.—Mr. McDonald reported from the Committee of Supply a certain resolution, which was read, and is as follows :—
Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Four hundred and eighteen thousand seven hundred and fifty-one pounds be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year ending 30th June, 1906.
And the said resolution was adopted by the House.

11. Ways and Means.—The House then resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.
Mr. McDonald also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, at its next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

12. Ways and Means Resolution.—Mr. McDonald reported from the Committee of Ways and Means a certain resolution, which was read, and is as follows :—
Resolved—That towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year ending 30th June, 1906, a sum not exceeding Four hundred and eighteen thousand seven hundred and fifty-one pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.
And the said resolution was adopted by the House.
Ordered—That Sir John Forrest do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

13. Supply Bill (No. 1) 1905-6.—Sir John Forrest then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and six*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.
On the motion of Sir John Forrest, the House adopted the Report.
Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

14. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday, 26th instant.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

15. COMMONWEALTH PRINTING—SELECT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Mahon moved, by leave, pursuant to *amended* notice—
(1) That a Select Committee be appointed to investigate and report as to—
(*a*) The conditions governing the printing and publication of *Hansard*, the *Commonwealth Gazette*, and Parliamentary Papers generally, and Reports issued under Acts of Parliament.
(*b*) The practicability of curtailing the expenditure involved in the printing and issue of such publications and of giving wider publicity to the official report of proceedings in Parliament.
(2) That such Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit at any time.
(3) That the Committee consist of Mr. Bamford, Mr. Groom, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kelly, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Skene, and the Mover; and that three be the quorum of such Committee.
Objection having been taken to the motion being treated as unopposed—
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 3rd August next.

16. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1905-6.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 1.
The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and six,*" to which it has agreed without requests.
R. C. BAKER,
President.
The Senate,
Melbourne, 7th July, 1905.

17. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at seventeen minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, 26th instant, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Bamford, Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. Culpin, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Harper, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lee, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. McColl, Sir John Quick, Mr. David Thomson, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Watson, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Willis.

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No. 6.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH JULY, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented by Sir John Forrest, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No. 2.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and six,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
Melbourne, 8th July, 1905.

3. PETITIONS.—Petitions, praying that stringent prohibitory legislation, such as is in force in New Zealand, against the importation of opium for smoking, may be enacted, were presented from certain citizens and residents of Victoria, as under :—

By Mr. Hume Cook—
From George Carson and others, of Northcote and elsewhere.
By Mr. Crouch—
From Jno. McIntosh and others, of Werribee.
By Mr. Deakin—
From M. G. Hart, of Ballarat, and others.
From Charles Cameron, of Ballarat, and others.
By Mr. Knox—
From W. G. Ireland and others, of Malvern and elsewhere.
From F. W. Norwood and others, of Canterbury and elsewhere.
By Mr. McLean—
From William Gray and others, of Orbost.
By Sir George Turner—
From F. Chisholm and others, of Ormond and elsewhere.
From Jno. G. Davies and others.

Petitions severally received.

4. PAPERS.—Mr. Deakin presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904—
Provisional Regulations, dated 26th January, 1905—Statutory Rules 1905, No. 12.
Provisional Regulations, dated 5th April, 1905, and repeal of those dated 26th January, 1905—Statutory Rules 1905, No. 23.

Sir John Forrest presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
Audit Act 1901—Transfers of Amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council.—Financial year 1904–5—
Dated 5th July, 1905.
Dated 21st July, 1905.
Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
Public Service Act 1902—Regulations—
Nos. 36 and 104.—Officers to obey Summons, &c.—Statutory Rules 1905, No. 46.
No. 89A.—Furlough—Statutory Rules 1905, No. 41.
No. 155.—Allowances in Postmaster-General's Department—Statutory Rules 1905, No. 42.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
Sugar Mills aided by Queensland Government—Return to an Order of the House, dated 16th November, 1904.

5. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT OF POLICY.—Mr. Deakin, in order to allow him to make a Ministerial statement of the policy of the Government, moved, That Statutory Rules Nos. 12 and 23, under the *Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act* 1904, laid on the Table on 26th July, be printed.
Mr. Reid moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at one minute to three o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Maloney, Mr. McColl, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Mr. Willis, and Mr. Wilson.

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No. 7.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 27TH JULY, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PETITIONS.—Petitions, praying that stringent prohibitory legislation, such as is in force in New Zealand, against the importation of opium for smoking, may be enacted, were presented from certain citizens and residents of Victoria, as under :—

   By Sir John Quick—
   From James Beattie and others, of Bendigo and elsewhere.
   From Joseph E. Pascoe and others, of Long Gully and elsewhere.

   By Mr. Wilson—
   From Hannah McRae and others, of Camperdown.

   Petitions severally received.

3. SUPPLY.—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—
   Question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and negatived.
   Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. PAPERS.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

   Butter Industry—Royal Commission.—Final Report on Government Bonuses, Companies, Employment of Agents, Secret Payments to Directors and Officials, Co-operation in Manufacture and Marketing, Payment for Supplies, Factory Accounts, &c. ; with Findings, Recommendations, and Appendices.

   Sir William Lyne presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

   Cotton Cultivation in Queensland—Report of an Interview between the Minister for Trade and Customs and Mr. Daniel Jones, of the Agricultural Department, Queensland, and a Report by Mr. J. Bottomley.

   Trade Returns—Statement showing, for 1899 and 1904—(*a*) Total Transfers from State to State of the Commonwealth in principal Manufacturing Industries of Australia ; (*b*) Imports from oversea into the Commonwealth ; (*c*) Exports of Australian Origin to oversea countries ; also Statistics of Inter-state Trade.

   Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

   Sir William Lyne presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

   Customs Act 1901—Amendment of Regulation No. 101 and repeal of Statutory Rules No. 30 of 1905—Statutory Rules 1905, No. 48.

5. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT OF POLICY.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That Statutory Rules Nos. 12 and 23 under the *Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act* 1904, laid on the Table on 26th July, be printed (on which motion the Ministerial statement of the Government policy was made)—
   Debate resumed.
   Mr. Wilson moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
   Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
   Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

6. PAPER.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Royal Commission on the Commonwealth Tariff—Progress Report.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

7. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—KALGOORLIE TO PORT AUGUSTA RAILWAY SURVEY BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented by Mr. Deakin, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 3.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of The Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Survey of a Route for a Railway to connect Kalgoorlie, in the State of Western Australia, with Port Augusta, in the State of South Australia.

Government House,
Melbourne, 27th July, 1905.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

8. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—HIGH COMMISSIONER BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented by Mr. Deakin, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 4.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of The Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the Office of High Commissioner of the Commonwealth in the United Kingdom.

Government House,
Melbourne, 27th July, 1905.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

9. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—PAPUA (BRITISH NEW GUINEA) BILL,—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented by Mr. Deakin, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 5.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of The Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the acceptance of British New Guinea as a Territory under the authority of the Commonwealth, and for the Government thereof.

Government House,
Melbourne, 27th July, 1905.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Nos. 3 and 4, be postponed until to-morrow.

11. ORDER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice, That on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday in each week, until otherwise ordered, Government business shall take precedence of all other business ; and that on each Thursday until half-past Six o'clock, until otherwise ordered, General business shall take precedence of Government business.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

12. ORDER OF GENERAL BUSINESS.—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice, That on Thursday in each week, until otherwise ordered, General business shall be called on in the following order, viz. :—

On one Thursday—
Notices of Motion.
Orders of the Day.
On the alternate Thursday—
Orders of the Day.
Notices of Motion.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

13. TRADE MARKS BILL.—RESUMPTION OF PROCEEDINGS AT STAGE REACHED LAST SESSION.—Mr. Isaacs moved, pursuant to notice, That, under Standing Order No. 214A, the proceedings on the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Trade Marks*," which were interrupted by the Prorogation of the Parliament, on Thursday, the 15th day of December, 1904, be resumed at the stage then reached in connexion with the said Bill, and that the second reading of the Bill be made an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

14. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at sixteen minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Cameron. Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Mahon, Mr. McColl, Mr. Dugald Thomson, and Mr. Willis.

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Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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No. 8.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 28TH JULY, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PETITION.—Mr. Lee presented a Petition from Henry Jobson and others, citizens and residents of West Kempsey and elsewhere, New South Wales, praying that stringent prohibitory legislation, such as is in force in New Zealand, against the importation of opium for smoking, may be enacted.

   Petition received.

3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT OF POLICY.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That Statutory Rules Nos. 12 and 23 under the *Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act* 1904, laid on the Table on 26th July, be printed (on which motion the Ministerial statement of the Government policy was made)—

   Debate resumed.

   Mr. Sydney Smith moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

   And, after debate—

   Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

   Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

4. DISCHARGE OF ORDERS OF THE DAY AND POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Orders of the Day Nos. 2 and 4 were read and discharged; and it was ordered—That the other Orders of the Day be made Orders of the Day for Tuesday next, and that Notices of Motion, Government Business, Nos. 2, 3, 5, and 6 be postponed until Tuesday next.

5. MANUFACTURES ENCOURAGEMENT BILL.—Mr. Deakin, for Sir William Lyne, moved, pursuant to notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for an Act for the Encouragement of Manufactures in the Commonwealth.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

   Ordered—That Sir William Lyne do prepare and bring in the Bill.

6. COMMERCE BILL.—Sir William Lyne moved, pursuant to notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Commerce with other Countries.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

   Ordered—That Sir William Lyne do prepare and bring in the Bill.

   Sir William Lyne then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Commerce with other Countries*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

   Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

7. PAPUA (BRITISH NEW GUINEA) BILL—RESUMPTION OF PROCEEDINGS AT STAGE REACHED LAST SESSION.—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice, That, under Standing Order No. 214A, the proceedings on the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide for the acceptance of British New Guinea as a Territory under the authority of the Commonwealth, and for the Government thereof*," which were interrupted by the prorogation of the Parliament on Thursday, the 15th day of December, 1904, be resumed at the stage then reached in connexion with the said Bill, and that the further consideration in Committee of the whole House of the amendments made by the Senate in the Bill be made an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

Debate ensued.
Mr. Conroy moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
And, after debate—
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-three minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Mahon, Mr. McColl, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Dugald Thomson, and Mr. Willis.

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No. 9.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 1ST AUGUST, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Fowler presented a Petition from the West Australian Chamber of Manufactures, under its common seal, praying that the House will strike out of the Trade Marks Bill all the provisions relating to the union label.

Petitions praying that an Act may be passed making the importing, manufacturing, and smoking of opium unlawful, were presented by Mr. McDonald, from certain residents of Cloncurry, Queensland, as under—

From On Dick Lee and other Chinese.
From Fred. J. Cherry and others.
From James E. Elliott and others.
From H. R. Hamilton and others.
From E. G. Edwards and others.

Petitions severally received.

3. PAPERS.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Marshall Islands—Copy of telegrams reporting result of application to German Government in regard to British trading in the Marshall Islands.

Navigation Bill—Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Governor-General transmitting Report prepared for the Shipowners' Parliamentary Committee, and Memorandum on Colonial Merchant Shipping legislation by the Solicitor to the Board of Trade, &c.; and proposing a Conference.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Property for Public Purposes Acquisition Act 1901—Land acquired under, at North Fremantle, Western Australia, for Defence purposes.

4. PRIVILEGE—STANDING ORDERS *re* LAPSED BILLS.—Mr. Robinson, having drawn attention, as a question of privilege, to the effect of the Standing Orders relating to Lapsed Bills—

After debate—

Resolved—That it is desirable that the Standing Orders of the Senate and House of Representatives relating to Lapsed Bills be referred to a Joint Meeting of the Standing Orders Committees for consideration and report, and that a Message be sent to the Senate seeking their concurrence in this course.

5. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT OF POLICY.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That Statutory Rules Nos. 12 and 23 under the *Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act* 1904, laid on the Table on 26th July, be printed (on which motion the Ministerial statement of the Government policy was made)—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. PAPER.—Mr. Chapman presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Mails between Victoria and Tasmania—Articles of Agreement (2) relating to their conveyance.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

7. Postponement of Business.—Ordered, That the consideration of Orders of the Day No. 2 and Nos. 4 to 8 inclusive, and Notices of Motion (Government Business) Nos. 1 and 3 be made Orders of the Day for to-morrow.

8. Discharge of Order of the Day—Commerce Bill.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill was read and discharged.
Ordered—That the Bill be withdrawn.

9. Secret Commissions Bill.—Mr. Isaacs moved, pursuant to notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Secret Commissions, Rebates, and Profits.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That Mr. Isaacs do prepare and bring in the Bill.
Mr. Isaacs then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Secret Commissions, Rebates, and Profits*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

10. Evidence Bill.—Mr. Isaacs moved, pursuant to notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the Law of Evidence.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That Mr. Isaacs do prepare and bring in the Bill.
Mr. Isaacs then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to the Law of Evidence*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

11. Adjournment.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at a quarter to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Brown, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. Mahon, Mr. McColl, Mr. McLean, Mr. Spence, and Mr. Dugald Thomson.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND AUGUST, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Bamford presented a Petition from Ralph G. Johnson and others, sugar-cane farmers and residents of the Herbert River, North Queensland, praying that the bonus now being paid on sugar cane grown by white labour be continued for a period of at least ten years after 1906; that certain amendments be made in the *Sugar Bounty Act* 1903 regarding the employment of coloured labour; that the time for the deportation of Polynesians be extended; and that the Immigration Restriction Act be amended as regards labour under agreement being admitted from other countries.

Petition received and read.

Petitions, praying that stringent prohibitory legislation, such as is in force in New Zealand, against the importation of opium for smoking, may be enacted, were presented by Mr. Harper, as under :—

From W. S. Rolland and George Tait, styling themselves respectively Moderator and Clerk of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria.

From B. T. Buntine and others, citizens of Campbellfield and elsewhere, Victoria.

Petitions severally received.

3. COMMERCE BILL (No. 2).—Sir William Lyne moved, pursuant to notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Commerce with other Countries.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That Sir William Lyne do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Sir William Lyne then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Commerce with other Countries*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

4 CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES—ELECTION.—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice—

(1) That the House do now proceed to the election of a Chairman of Committees.

(2) That, in the event of more than two Members being proposed for the position, the election shall be by open exhaustive ballot, and that so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the House adopting such course.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Crouch having proposed the honorable Member for Laanecoorie (Mr. Carty Salmon) and Mr. Storrer having proposed the honorable Member for Riverina (Mr. John Moore Chanter) and no other Member having been proposed—

After Debate—

Motion made—That the honorable Member for Laanecoorie (Mr. Carty Salmon) be appointed Chairman of Committees of this House.

Amendment proposed—That the words "Laanecoorie (Mr. Carty Salmon)" be omitted, with a view to insert in place thereof the words "Riverina (Mr. John Moore Chanter)."

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 35.

Sir Langdon Bonython,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Liddell,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Conroy,	Mr. McCay,
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. McWilliams,
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Deakin,	Sir John Quick,
Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Skene,
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Sir Philip Fysh,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Gibb,	Mr. Wilson.
Mr. Glynn,	*Tellers.*
Mr. Harper,	
Mr. Johnson,	Mr. Hume Cook,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Wilks.
Mr. Knox,	

Noes, 27.

Mr. Bamford,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Poynton,
Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Storrer,
Mr. Fowler,	Mr. David Thomson,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Webster,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Wilkinson.
Mr. Isaacs,	
Mr. Kennedy,	*Tellers.*
Sir William Lyne,	
Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Tudor.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the honorable Member for Laanecoorie (Mr. Carty Salmon) be appointed Chairman of Committees of this House—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. Postponement of Orders of the Day.—Ordered, That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Nos. 1 to 4 inclusive, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 8.

6. Papua (British New Guinea) Bill—Resumption of Proceedings at Stage reached last Session.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That, under Standing Order No. 214A, the proceedings on the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide for the acceptance of British New Guinea as a Territory under the authority of the Commonwealth, and for the Government thereof*," which were interrupted by the Prorogation of the Parliament on Thursday, the 15th day of December, 1904, be resumed at the stage then reached in connexion with the said Bill, and that the further consideration in Committee of the whole House of the amendments made by the Senate in the Bill be made an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. Jury Exemption Bill.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—

Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.

On the motion of Mr. Groom the House adopted the Report, and ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the third reading to be moved this day.

Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

8. Temporary Chairmen of Committees.—The following Warrant, nominating Temporary Chairmen of Committees, pursuant to Standing Order No. 25, was laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:—

The Parliament of the Commonwealth.

House of Representatives.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order numbered 25, I do hereby nominate—

The Honorable Egerton Lee Batchelor,
The Honorable Samuel Mauger,
The Honorable Charles McDonald, and
The Honorable William Henry Wilks

to act as Temporary Chairmen of Committees when requested so to do by the Chairman of Committees.

Given under my hand this second day of August, One thousand nine hundred and five.

F. W. HOLDER,
Speaker.

9. Evidence Bill.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Isaacs moved that the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.
On the motion of Mr. Isaacs the House adopted the Report, and ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the third reading to be moved this day.
Mr. Isaacs moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

10. Secret Commissions Bill.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Isaacs moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Reid moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

11. Postponement of Orders of the Day.—Ordered, That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Nos. 1 to 3 inclusive, be postponed until to-morrow.

12. Trade Marks Bill.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Isaacs moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Reid moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

13. Adjournment.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House at fourteen minutes past nine o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present except—Mr. Brown, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Mahon, Mr. McColl, Mr. McLean, Mr. Spence, and Mr. Dugald Thomson.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 3RD AUGUST, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Mauger rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The present position of the Tariff Commission."

Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—

Mr. Mauger moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Deakin, addressing the House, and not having, in compliance with Standing Order No. 39, concluded his speech within fifteen minutes, the honorable Member was, by leave of the House, allowed to continue his speech.

Mr. Reid, addressing the House, and not having, in compliance with Standing Order No. 39, concluded his speech within fifteen minutes, the honorable Member was, by leave of the House, allowed to continue his speech.

It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 119, and General Business was called on.

3. HOME RULE FOR IRELAND.—Mr. Higgins moved, pursuant to notice, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty as follows :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY :

We, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Members of the House of Representatives, in Parliament assembled, desire most earnestly, in our name and on behalf of the people whom we represent, to express our unswerving loyalty and devotion to Your Majesty's person and Government.

We have observed with feelings of profound satisfaction the evidence afforded by recent legislation and recent debates in the Houses of Parliament of the United Kingdom, of a sincere desire now to deal justly with Ireland ; and in particular we congratulate the people of the United Kingdom on the remarkable Act directed towards the settlement of the land question, and on the concession to the people of Ireland of a measure of Local Government for municipal purposes. But the sad history of Ireland since the Act of Union shows that no British Parliament can understand or effectively deal with the economic and social conditions of Ireland.

Enjoying and appreciating as we do the blessings of Home Rule here, we would humbly express the hope that a just measure of Home Rule may be granted to the people of Ireland. They ask for it through their representatives—never has request more clear, consistent, and continuous been made by any nation. As subjects of Your Majesty we are interested in the peace and contentment of all parts of the Empire, and we desire to see this long-standing grievance at the very heart of the Empire removed. It is our desire for the solidarity and permanence of the Empire, as a Power making for peace and civilization, that must be our excuse for submitting to Your Majesty this respectful petition.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Crouch, addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 17th instant.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until to-morrow.

5. TRADE MARKS BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Wilson, addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

6. PAPERS.—Mr. Chapman presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Post and Telegraph Act 1901—Regulations—

Amendments of and Additions to Regulations—Statutory Rules, 1904, No. 81.
Telegrams beyond the Commonwealth—Statutory Rules, 1905, No. 36.
Burglar Alarms—Statutory Rules, 1905, No. 37.
Payment of Postage by the Receiver—Statutory Rules, 1905, No. 38.
Post Cards, Printed Papers, General Postal Regulations, Telegraphic Regulations—Statutory Rules, 1905, No. 40.
Public Telegraph or Telephone Lines under guarantee—Statutory Rules, 1905, No. 44.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Isaacs moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirty-three minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Brown, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Mahon, Mr. McColl, Mr. McLean, Mr. Spence, and Mr. Dugald Thomson.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 4TH AUGUST, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPER.—Mr. Deakin presented by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Governor-General—Residence of, in New South Wales—Papers relating to.
Ordered to lie on the Table.

3. COMMERCE BILL (No. 2).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—
Sir William Lyne moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Reid moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

4. PRIVILEGE.—ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.—Mr. Reid called attention, as a question of privilege, to certain statements made in regard to the recent election of Chairman of Committees.
And other honorable Members addressed the House on the question.

5. COMMERCE BILL (No. 2).—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Mr. Reid moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—STANDING ORDERS *re* LAPSED BILLS.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 2.*

The Senate, in reply to Message No. 2 of the House of Representatives, agrees to concur with that House in the resolution—

"That it is desirable that the Standing Orders of the Senate and House of Representatives relating to Lapsed Bills be referred to a Joint Meeting of the Standing Orders Committees for consideration and report."

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 4th August, 1905.

7. MANUFACTURES ENCOURAGEMENT BILL.—Sir William Lyne, pursuant to an Order of the House made on 28th July last, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act for the Encouragement of Manufactures in the Commonwealth,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House at twenty-nine minutes past three o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Batchelor, Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Mahon, Mr. McColl, Mr. McLean, Mr. Page, Mr. Poynton Sir John Quick, Mr. Spence, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Dugald Thomson, and Sir George Turner.

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No. 13.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 8TH AUGUST, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PETITION.—A Petition, praying that stringent prohibitory legislation against the importation and use of opium for other than medicinal purposes may be enacted, was presented as under :—

   By Mr. R. Edwards—
   From certain citizens of Brisbane and elsewhere, Queensland.

   Petition received.

3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—MANUFACTURES ENCOURAGEMENT BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented by Sir William Lyne, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

   NORTHCOTE,
   Governor-General. *Message No. 6.*

   In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of The Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act for the Encouragement of Manufactures in the Commonwealth.

   Government House,
   Melbourne, 7th August, 1905.

   Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

4. PAPER.—Mr. Groom presented by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

   Federal Capital Site—Correspondence between the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth and the Premier of New South Wales, and various documents relating thereto.

   Ordered to lie on the Table.

5. CUSTOMS LOCKERS—OVERTIME WORKED BY.—Mr. Tudor moved, pursuant to notice, That a Return be laid upon the Table of the House showing—

   (1) The amount of overtime worked by the Customs Lockers in the three bonds at Port Melbourne, and the bond at Yarraville, and the amount of extra pay drawn by each of these Lockers during the twelve months ended 30th June, 1905.
   (2) The amount of overtime worked by the other Customs Lockers in Melbourne, and the amount of extra pay drawn by each of these Lockers during the twelve months ended 30th June, 1905.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. PAPER.—The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

   Customs Lockers—Overtime worked by.—Return to the foregoing Order.

7. MANUFACTURES ENCOURAGEMENT BILL—POINT OF ORDER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—and Sir William Lyne proceeding to move, That the Bill be now read a second time—

   A point of order having been raised that the provisions of Standing Order No. 243 had not been complied with in regard to this Bill, and Mr. Speaker having ruled in support of the objection taken—the motion for the second reading of the Bill was not further proceeded with.

8. TRADE MARKS BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
Mr. McCay moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

9. SERVICE AND EXECUTION OF PROCESS BILL (1905).—Mr. Isaacs moved, by leave, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the Service and Execution of Process Act 1901.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That Mr. Isaacs do prepare and bring in the Bill.
Mr. Isaacs then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Service and Execution of Process Act* 1901,'" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twelve minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Mahon, Mr. McColl, Mr. McLean, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Page, Mr. Phillips, Sir John Quick, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. David Thomson, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Wilks.

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No. 14.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH AUGUST, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Robinson rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The action of the Minister of Customs in raising the assessment for duty of Harvesters to £65."

Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—

Mr. Robinson moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Sir William Lyne, addressing the House, and not having, in compliance with Standing Order No. 39, concluded his speech within fifteen minutes, the honorable Member was, by leave of the House, allowed to continue his speech.

It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 119, in order that the Orders of the Day might be called on.

3. PAPER.—The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

Federal Capital Proposed Sites—Cost of Inspections, Reports, &c.—Return to an Order of the House dated 16th June, 1904.

4. MANUFACTURES ENCOURAGEMENT BILL (No. 2).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 6—

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Mauger reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.

Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.

And thereupon the said resolution was read, and is as follows :—

Resolved—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act for the Encouragement of Manufactures in the Commonwealth.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir William Lyne and Mr. Deakin do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Sir William Lyne then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act for the Encouragement of Manufactures in the Commonwealth*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

5. TRADE MARKS BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 3 be postponed until to-morrow.

7. SECRET COMMISSIONS BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 5 be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 6.

9. SERVICE AND EXECUTION OF PROCESS BILL (1905).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Isaacs moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.
On the motion of Mr. Isaacs, the House adopted the Report.
Ordered—That the third reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Isaacs moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirty-two minutes past nine o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Brown, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Mahon, Mr. McColl, Mr. McLean, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Page, Mr. Phillips, Sir John Quick, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. David Thomson, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Wilks.

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No. 15.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 10TH AUGUST, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PETITION.—A Petition, praying that stringent prohibitory legislation, such as is in force in New Zealand, against the importation and use of opium for smoking, may be enacted, was presented as under:—

By Mr. Kennedy—

From certain citizens and residents of Euroa, Victoria.

Petition received.

3. PRINTING COMMITTEE—FIRST REPORT FROM.—Mr. Poynton, Acting Chairman, brought up the First Report from the Printing Committee.

The Report was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have dealt with all the Papers and Petitions laid on the Table of the House since the commencement of the Session.

Your Committee find that the following Papers have been printed by order of the Senate :—

British New Guinea—Annual Report for year ending 30th June, 1904.
Electoral Act 1902—Reports of the Commissioners appointed to distribute New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, and Western Australia into Electoral Divisions.
Defence Acts 1903-1904—Certain Statutory Rules of 1904 and 1905.
Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904—Statutory Rules No. 23 of 1905.
Governor-General—Residence of, in New South Wales—Papers relating to.

Your Committee recommend that, in addition, the following Papers be printed :—

House of Representatives—General Index to Votes and Proceedings and Presented Papers, 1901-1904.
Trade between Australia and South Africa—Report by Mr. H. J. Scott (of Brighton, South Australia).
Immigration Restriction Act 1901—Return of persons refused admission, &c.
Butter Industry—Royal Commission—Final Report.
Commonwealth Tariff—Royal Commission—Progress Report.
Navigation Bill—Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies.
Sugar Mills aided by Queensland Government—Return to an Order.

A. POYNTON,
Acting Chairman.

House of Representatives,
Committee Room, 9th August, 1905.

Mr. Poynton moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. PAPERS.—Mr. Deakin presented by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

German Cable—Correspondence *re* application to permit connexion of a German Cable with a port in Queensland.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Electoral Act 1902—Provisional Regulations *re* Sale of Rolls, &c.—Statutory Rules 1905, No. 47.

5. Commonwealth Printing—Select Committee.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—

(1) That a Select Committee be appointed to investigate and report as to—

(*a*) The conditions governing the printing and publication of *Hansard*, the *Commonwealth Gazette*, and Parliamentary Papers generally, and Reports issued under Acts of Parliament.

(*b*) The practicability of curtailing the expenditure involved in the printing and issue of such publications and of giving wider publicity to the official report of proceedings in Parliament.

(2) That such Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit at any time.

(3) That the Committee consist of Mr. Bamford, Mr. Groom, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kelly, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Skene, and the Mover; and that three be the quorum of such Committee—

Mr. Dugald Thomson moved, as amendments, That the words "a Select Committee be appointed" be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the words "the Printing Committee be requested" in place thereof, and that paragraphs 2 and 3 of the motion be omitted.

Mr. Carpenter moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 31st instant.

6. New Hebrides—Control of, and Settlement in.—Mr. Johnson moved, pursuant to notice—

(1) That, in the opinion of this House, in view of the certainty of enormous trade development along the Pacific route to Australia, following upon the opening of a canal through the Isthmus of Panama, the question of the control of islands suitable for naval bases between Australia and Panama is of the highest importance to British and Australian commercial interests.

(2) That the strategical position of the New Hebrides Group, with their exceptional harbor facilities, renders it imperative, in the interests of British and Australian commerce, that their control shall not pass into the hands of a foreign naval power.

(3) That, for the foregoing reasons, it is desirable to provide every reasonable facility for the promotion of British and Australian settlement in the New Hebrides Group.

Debate ensued.
Mr. Dugald Thomson moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the first word "That" be omitted, and that the following words be inserted in place thereof, viz.: —

"the representations already made by the Governments of the Commonwealth to the British Government in regard to the New Hebrides should, in the interests of the natives, the settlers, and Australia, be renewed and strengthened.

(2) That the immediate establishment of the Joint Land Commission is imperative, and that the Commission should be so constituted that its decisions may be just, prompt, and effective.

(3) That the delay which has taken place in connexion with a settlement of New Hebrides questions is deeply regretted. That no settlement will be satisfactory to the Commonwealth which does not decide the possession of the Group, and that the only ownership which can be acceptable to Australia is that of Great Britain, which ownership is justified by the history of the discovery, development, and trade of the Islands, and by the wishes of the native population."

And the amendment having been agreed to—
Debate continued.
Question—

(1) That the representations already made by the Governments of the Commonwealth to the British Government in regard to the New Hebrides should, in the interests of the natives, the settlers, and Australia, be renewed and strengthened.

(2) That the immediate establishment of the Joint Land Commission is imperative, and that the Commission should be so constituted that its decisions may be just, prompt, and effective.

(3) That the delay which has taken place in connexion with a settlement of New Hebrides questions is deeply regretted. That no settlement will be satisfactory to the Commonwealth which does not decide the possession of the Group, and that the only ownership which can be acceptable to Australia is that of Great Britain, which ownership is justified by the history of the discovery, development, and trade of the Islands, and by the wishes of the native population—

put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. Shipping Service between Commonwealth and United Kingdom—Select Committee.—Mr. Spence, for Mr. Thomas, moved, pursuant to notice—

(1) That a Select Committee of both Houses of Parliament be appointed to make full inquiry as to the advisability of the Federal Government owning and controlling a fleet of steamers, for the carriage of mails, passengers, and cargo between Australia and the United Kingdom. The Committee, so far as the House of Representatives is concerned, to consist of Mr. Glynn, Mr. Mahon, Mr. McDonald, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Spence, Mr. Webster, and the Mover, and to have power to send for persons, papers, and records ; four to be the quorum.

(2) That the foregoing resolution be transmitted by Message to the Senate and their concurrence requested in the appointment of the Committee, and asking them to appoint members to serve thereon.

Mr. Deakin moved, That the motion be amended as follows :—Line 1, omit the words " of both Houses of Parliament " ; lines 2 and 3, omit the words " the advisability of the Federal Government owning and controlling a fleet of steamers for " ; line 4, omit the words " so far as the House of Representatives is concerned " ; omit paragraph (2) ; and Mr. Robinson having moved to omit his own name from the Committee—

Debate continued.

Mr. Hutchison moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 24th instant.

8. High Court Arrangements and Expenses.—Mr. Hume Cook, for Mr. Higgins, moved, pursuant to notice, That a copy of the correspondence and documents relating to the arrangements and expenses of the Justices and Officers of the High Court be laid on the Table of the House.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

9. Ministry—Cabinet Responsibility : Proposed Abolition of.—Mr. G. B. Edwards moved, pursuant to notice—

(1) That the practical work of the Commonwealth Legislature has been, and will continue to be, impeded and restricted by the operation of the political practice known as the Cabinet System, by which the King's Ministers of State in the Commonwealth become collectively responsible for the character and scope of measures proposed to Parliament, and for the separate administrative acts of each member of their body ; and that a system under which each Minister, appointed by the Governor-General to administer a Department of State, shall remain in office (if otherwise constitutionally qualified) so long as he retains the confidence of this House, would lead to a less tardy and more effectual carrying out of the will of the people by their representatives, with more direct constitutional responsibility.

(2) That the office of Prime Minister is not known to the Constitution, nor necessary to the operation of any part of that instrument.

(3) That under a system of Party Government the powers inherent, or acquired by stress of party organization, with which the leader of a successful party is invested are such as demand the check and restraint of selection by, and responsibility to, the electors of the whole political area, and should not be exercisable by one chosen by, and responsible to, a single State or a single constituency of that State.

(4) That Party Government is inevitably a waste of some of the best administrative ability of the representatives chosen by the people, since such ability is necessarily only available if possessed by the party temporarily dominant.

(5) That political ethics under the party system tend to a considerable departure from the rules commonly accepted as binding in private affairs, and in conventions for scientific, social, or philosophical purposes, in the suppression of individual judgment and opinion, out of loyalty to party, or in the interest of party success ; and while any method of selecting or appointing the Executive will still leave the Legislature capable of forming, and probably just as prone to form, into sections for the promotion of definite principles, the above defects are everywhere commensurate with the extent to which the principle of yielding the spoils of office to political victors has been adopted.

And Mr. G. B. Edwards not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday next.

10. Postponement of Business.—Ordered—That the consideration of Notice of Motion, General Business, No. 8 be made an Order of the Day for Thursday next, and that the consideration of Notices of Motion, General Business, Nos. 9 and 11 be made Orders of the Day for Thursday, 14th September next.

11. Mail Tenders—Orient Shipping Co. and Scott, Fell, and Co.—Mr. Chanter moved, pursuant to notice, That a copy of all correspondence in connexion with the acceptance of a tender for the conveyance of mails by the Orient Shipping Co. and the refusal of the tender of Scott, Fell, and Co. for a similar service at a smaller sum, be laid on the Table of the House.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

12. MANUFACTURES ENCOURAGEMENT BILL (No. 2).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Sir William Lyne moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Lonsdale moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

13. PAPER.—Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Property for Public Purposes Acquisition Act 1901—Land acquired under, at Bodangora, New South Wales, as a site for a Post-office.

14. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir William Lyne moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at six minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Brown, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Harper, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Mahon, Mr. McColl, Mr. McLean, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Page, Mr. Phillips, Sir John Quick, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. David Thomson, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Wilks.

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No. 16.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 11TH AUGUST, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPER.—PUBLIC SERVICE CLASSIFICATION—AMENDMENTS OF.—Mr. Groom presented by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

   Public Service Act 1902—Amendment of Classification of the Public Service by the Public Service Commissioner—(Appeals determined, and other amendments).

   Mr. Groom moved, That the Paper be printed.
   Debate ensued.
   Mr. Tudor moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
   Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
   Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

3. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
   Debate ensued.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Brown, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Mahon, Mr. McColl, Mr. McLean, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Page, Mr. Poynton, Sir John Quick, Mr. Skene, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Thomas, Mr. David Thomson, Sir George Turner, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Wilks.

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No. 17.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 15TH AUGUST, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read Prayers.

2. PAPERS.—Mr. Deakin presented by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

   Marshall Islands—Copy of Telegram from Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated 12th August, 1905, notifying New Trade Regulations of the German Government in regard to the Marshall Islands.

   Ordered to lie on the Table.

   Sir William Lyne presented pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

   Customs Act 1901—Regulations *re* Drawback on Sugar used in making Jam and similar goods and cancellation of Statutory Rules No. 29 of 1905—Statutory Rules, 1905, No. 49.

   Sir John Forrest presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

   Audit Act 1901—Transfers of Amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council—Financial Year 1904–5 (dated August, 1905).

3. SERVICE AND EXECUTION OF PROCESS BILL (1905).—The Order of the Day having been read for the third reading of this Bill—Mr. Isaacs moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

4. PAPER.—PUBLIC SERVICE CLASSIFICATION—AMENDMENTS OF.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the following Paper, laid on the Table on 11th instant, be printed, viz.:—Public Service Act 1902—Amendment of Classification by the Public Service Commissioner—(Appeals determined, and other amendments)—

   Debate resumed.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
   Debate ensued.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at a quarter past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Brown, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Mahon, Mr. McColl, Mr. McLean, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Thomas, Mr. David Thomson, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Willis.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 18.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH AUGUST, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPER.—Mr. Ewing presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
Defence Acts 1903-4—Military Forces—Amendment of Regulations—Part VIII., Militia Forces, paragraphs 37 and 46.—Statutory Rules, 1905, No. 50.

3. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Cameron rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The injurious effect that the Act called the *Sea-Carriage of Goods Act* 1904 is exercising on Australian trade in perishable products with the East."

Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—

Mr. Cameron moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—JURY EXEMPTION BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 3.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to Exempt certain Persons holding Public Positions in the Commonwealth from Serving as Jurors*," to which it has agreed without amendment.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 16th August, 1905.

5. ALTERATION OF TIME FOR NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at a quarter-past three o'clock.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. KINGSTON).—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Adelaide (Mr. Kingston), on the ground of ill-health.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. MCCOLL).—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Echuca (Mr. McColl), on the ground of urgent private business.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

8. COMMERCE BILL (No. 2).—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Johnson moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at a quarter-past three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Brown, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kingston*, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Mahon, Mr. McColl*, Mr. McLean, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. David Thomson, Sir George Turner, and Mr. Willis.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 19.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 17TH AUGUST, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPER.—Sir William Lyne presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Tariff, Uniform—Return showing effect of, on Trade and Manufacture (compiled by the Collectors of Customs of the various States of the Commonwealth).

Ordered to lie on the Table.

3. MINISTRY—PROPOSED ELECTION BY PARLIAMENT.—Mr. Fowler moved, pursuant to notice, That the present methods of constituting Ministerial Cabinets, together with the powers exercised by these bodies, amount in many respects to the usurpation of the rights and duties of Parliament as a whole, tend to foment unnecessary party strife, impede the work of legislation, and precipitate artificial crises; and, therefore, in the opinion of this House, such legislation as may be necessary should be introduced to provide for the election of Ministers by Parliament.

Two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 119, and Mr. G. B. Edwards, who was addressing the House, not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday next.

4. HOME RULE FOR IRELAND.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty as follows:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY:

We, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Members of the House of Representatives, in Parliament assembled, desire most earnestly in our name and on behalf of the people whom we represent, to express our unswerving loyalty and devotion to Your Majesty's person and Government.

We have observed with feelings of profound satisfaction the evidence afforded by recent legislation and recent debates in the Houses of Parliament of the United Kingdom, of a sincere desire now to deal justly with Ireland; and in particular we congratulate the people of the United Kingdom on the remarkable Act directed towards the settlement of the land question, and on the concession to the people of Ireland of a measure of Local Government for municipal purposes. But the sad history of Ireland since the Act of Union shows that no British Parliament can understand or effectively deal with the economic and social conditions of Ireland.

Enjoying and appreciating as we do the blessings of Home Rule here, we would humbly express the hope that a just measure of Home Rule may be granted to the people of Ireland. They ask for it through their representatives—never has request more clear, consistent, and continuous been made by any nation. As subjects of Your Majesty we are interested in the peace and contentment of all parts of the Empire, and we desire to see this long-standing grievance at the very heart of the Empire removed. It is our desire for the solidarity and permanence of the Empire, as a Power making for peace and civilization, that must be our excuse for submitting to Your Majesty this respectful petition.

Debate resumed.

Mr. Wilks, addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 31st instant.

5. Point of Order.—Ministry—Cabinet Responsibility: Proposed Abolition.—With regard to the Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate upon the following motion of Mr. G. B. Edwards, viz. :—

"(1) That the practical work of the Commonwealth Legislature has been, and will continue to be, impeded and restricted by the operation of the political practice known as the Cabinet System, by which the King's Ministers of State in the Commonwealth become collectively responsible for the character and scope of measures proposed to Parliament, and for the separate administrative acts of each member of their body; and that a system under which each Minister, appointed by the Governor-General to administer a Department of State, shall remain in office (if otherwise constitutionally qualified) so long as he retains the confidence of this House, would lead to a less tardy and more effectual carrying out of the will of the people by their representatives, with more direct constitutional responsibility.

(2) That the office of Prime Minister is not known to the Constitution, nor necessary to the operation of any part of that instrument.

(3) That under a system of Party Government the powers inherent, or acquired by stress of party organization, with which the leader of a successful party is invested are such as demand the check and restraint of selection by, and responsibility to, the electors of the whole political area, and should not be exercisable by one chosen by, and responsible to, a single State or a single constituency of that State.

(4) That Party Government is inevitably a waste of some of the best administrative ability of the representatives chosen by the people, since such ability is necessarily only available if possessed by the party temporarily dominant.

(5) That political ethics under the party system tend to a considerable departure from the rules commonly accepted as binding in private affairs, and in conventions for scientific, social, or philosophical purposes, in the suppression of individual judgment and opinion, out of loyalty to party, or in the interest of party success; and while any method of selecting or appointing the Executive will still leave the Legislature capable of forming, and probably just as prone to form, into sections for the promotion of definite principles, the above defects are everywhere commensurate with the extent to which the principle of yielding the spoils of office to political victors has been adopted—"

Mr. Speaker ruled that this Order of the Day could not be further proceeded with, as it had come to his knowledge that it covered the same ground as that embraced by the first motion moved this day, notice of which was given prior to the motion contained in the Order of the Day.

6. Postponement of Order of the Day.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 3, be postponed until Thursday next.

7. Supply.—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—

Question proposed—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. Adjournment.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present except—Mr. Brown, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. Mahon, Mr. McColl*, Mr. McLean, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Willis, and Mr. Wilson.

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No. 20.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 18TH AUGUST, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEES—JOINT REPORT *re* LAPSED BILLS.—Mr. Deakin, for the Chairman of the Standing Orders Committee, brought up a Report from the Standing Orders Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives, on the question of the Standing Orders of the two Houses relating to the Resumption of Proceedings on Lapsed Bills.

   Ordered to be printed.

3. PAPERS.—Mr. Chapman presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

   Mail Service—Contract between the Commonwealth of Australia and the Orient Steam Navigation Company Limited for the conveyance of Australian Mails.

   Ordered to lie on the Table.

   The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

   Mail Tenders—Orient Shipping Co. and Scott, Fell, and Co.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 10th August, 1905.

4. COMMERCE BILL (No. 2).—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—

   Debate resumed.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

   Mr. Knox desiring to move that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee—

   Ordered—That the debate on the motion be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—EVIDENCE BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

   Message No. 4.

   MR. SPEAKER,

   The Senate has agreed to the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to the Law of Evidence*," with the amendments indicated in the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Senate desires the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

   R. C. BAKER,
   President.

   The Senate,
   Melbourne, 18th August, 1905.

   Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

   MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 5.

   The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act relating to Wireless Telegraphy*," and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

   R. C. BAKER,
   President.

   The Senate,
   Melbourne, 18th August, 1905.

7. Wireless Telegraphy Bill.—Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Wireless Telegraphy*," be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

8. Postponement of Orders of the Day.—Ordered—That the consideration of the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until Tuesday next.

9. Census and Statistics Bill.—Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the Census and Statistics of the Commonwealth.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Groom then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to the Census and Statistics of the Commonwealth*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

10. Adjournment.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at nine minutes past three o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present except—Mr. Batchelor, Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. Mahon, Mr. McColl*, Mr. McLean, Mr. Poynton, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Spence, Sir George Turner, Mr. Willis, and Mr. Wilson.

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No. 21.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 22ND AUGUST, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented by Mr. Groom, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 7.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to Exempt certain Persons holding Public Positions in the Commonwealth from Serving as Jurors,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
Melbourne, 17th August, 1905.

3. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ESTIMATES, 1905-6.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented by Sir John Forrest, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 8.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of The Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the Year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and six, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Melbourne, 22nd August, 1905.

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 9.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of The Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the Year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and six, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Melbourne, 22nd August, 1905.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply this day.

4. PETITION.—Mr. R. Edwards presented a Petition from J. Reid and S. Larard for the Brisbane Chamber of Manufactures, praying that the House will strike out of the Trade Marks Bill all the provisions relating to the union label.
Petition received.

5. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. MANUFACTURES ENCOURAGEMENT BILL (No. 2).—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.

Mr. Johnson, addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

7. PAPERS.—Sir John Forrest presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:—

The Budget, 1905–6—Papers prepared by the Right Honorable Sir John Forrest, P.C., G.C.M.G., for the information of honorable Members on the occasion of opening the Budget of 1905–6.

Mr. Chapman presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General –

Mail Service—Minute by Postmaster-General (Hon. Sydney Smith) with reference to Tenders by the Orient Steam Navigation Company, Limited, and Mr. W. Scott Fell, for the Conveyance of Mails.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-two minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Batchelor, Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. McCay, Mr. McColl*, Mr. Poynton, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Mr. Watson, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Wilson.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 22.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD AUGUST, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PETITIONS.—Mr. G. B. Edwards presented a Petition from Jeffrey Denniss and Geo. T. Clarke, styling themselves President and Secretary respectively of the New South Wales Chamber of Manufactures, praying that the House will strike out of the Trade Marks Bill all the provisions relating to the union label.

Petition received and read.

A Petition, praying that stringent prohibitory legislation, such as is in force in New Zealand, against the importation and use of opium for smoking, may be enacted, was presented as under :—

By Mr. Deakin—

From A. M. Stewart and others, citizens of Appin and elsewhere, Victoria.

Similar Petitions, with a total of 4,500 signatures, were presented from certain citizens of South Australia, as under :—

By Mr. Batchelor—One Petition.
By Sir Langdon Bonython—Three Petitions.
By Mr. Glynn—Two Petitions.
By Mr. Hutchison—Three Petitions.
By Mr. Poynton—Forty-one Petitions.

Petitions severally received.

3. ALTERATION OF TIME FOR NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until a quarter-past three o'clock to-morrow.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.

Sir John Forrest moved, pursuant to notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended in order to enable all steps to be taken to obtain Supply and to pass a Supply Bill through all its stages without delay.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Salmon also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—Mr. Salmon reported from the Committee of Supply a certain resolution, which was read, and is as follows :—

Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Three hundred and sixty-three thousand two hundred and eighty-three pounds be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year ending 30th June, 1906.

And, after debate, the said resolution was adopted by the House.

6. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.

Mr. Salmon also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.—Mr. Salmon reported from the Committee of Ways and Means a certain resolution, which was read, and is as follows :—

Resolved—That towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year ending 30th June, 1906, a sum not exceeding Three hundred and sixty-three thousand two hundred and eighty-three pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir John Forrest and Mr. Deakin do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

8. SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1905-6.—Sir John Forrest then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and six*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.

On the motion of Sir John Forrest, the House adopted the Report.

Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SERVICE AND EXECUTION OF PROCESS BILL (1905).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 6.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the Service and Execution of Process Act* 1901," to which it has agreed, without amendment.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 23rd August, 1905.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered, after debate—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 3 be postponed until to-morrow.

11. EVIDENCE BILL.—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the amendments made by the Senate in this Bill—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had agreed to the amendments, which are as follow :—

No. 1.—Page 2, clause 4, line 2, after "the" insert "official"

No. 2.—Page 3, after clause 11 add the following new clause :—

Affidavits.

12. Affidavits for use in the High Court or any Court exercising Federal jurisdiction may be sworn before any Justice of the Peace without the issue of any commission for taking affidavits.

Affidavit may be sworn before Justice of the Peace. Cf. Queensland 1891 No. 14 s. 3.

On the motion of Mr. Isaacs, the House adopted the Report.

12. CENSUS AND STATISTICS BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Kelly moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

13. WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Chapman moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

14. Postponement of Orders of the Day.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 7 to 10 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

15. Representation Bill.—Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the Representation of the several States in the House of Representatives.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Groom then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to the Representation of the several States in the House of Representatives*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

16. Adjournment.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at six minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at a quarter-past three o'clock p.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. McColl*, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Webster.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 23.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 24TH AUGUST, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPER.—The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

   High Court Arrangements and Expenses—Return to an Order of the House dated 10th August, 1905.

3. SHIPPING SERVICE BETWEEN COMMONWEALTH AND UNITED KINGDOM—SELECT COMMITTEE.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—

   (1) That a Select Committee of both Houses of Parliament be appointed to make full inquiry as to the advisability of the Federal Government owning and controlling a fleet of steamers for the carriage of mails, passengers, and cargo between Australia and the United Kingdom. The Committee, so far as the House of Representatives is concerned, to consist of Mr. Glynn, Mr. Mahon, Mr. McDonald, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Webster, and the Mover, and to have power to send for persons, papers, and records. Four to be the quorum.

   (2) That the foregoing resolution be transmitted by Message to the Senate and their concurrence requested in the appointment of the Committee, and asking them to appoint Members to serve thereon—

   And on the amendments proposed thereto, viz. :—Omit the words " of both Houses of Parliament " in line 1 ; omit the words " the advisability of the Federal Government owning and controlling a fleet of steamers for " in lines 2 and 3 ; omit the words " so far as the House of Representatives is concerned " in line 4 ; omit the words " Mr. Robinson " in line 5 ; and omit paragraph (2)—

   Debate resumed.

   Mr. Thomas moved, as an amendment, That the names of Mr. Glynn and Mr. Webster be omitted from the proposed Committee, and that the names of Mr. Chanter and Mr. Gibb be inserted in place thereof, and that the name of Mr. Storrer be inserted in place of the name of Mr. Robinson, proposed to be omitted.

   Mr. Batchelor moved as an amendment, That the name of Mr. McWilliams be omitted, and that the name of Mr. Willis be inserted in place thereof.

   Debate continued.

   Mr. Carpenter, addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

   Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 7th September next.

   It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, Notices of Motion, General Business, were called on.

4. COMMONWEALTH TREASURY NOTES.—Mr. Culpin moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable—

   (1) That Commonwealth Treasury Notes should be issued, on the lines of the Treasury Notes issued by the State of Queensland.

   (2) That a reserve fund should be established for payment of the notes on demand ; provision for similar payment being now in force in the Queensland Treasury.

   (3) That instead of such issue being put into circulation as in Queensland by being lent to financial institutions at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum, the proposed notes shall be issued on a population basis to the several State Treasurers, and each Treasurer shall credit the amount received as on account of the properties transferred to the Commonwealth.

   (4) That 4 per cent. of the issue shall be withdrawn from circulation each year and cancelled, and that a sufficient sum each year shall be granted for the purpose of such cancellation.

Sir John Forrest moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 7th September next.

5. HARVESTERS OF AUSTRALIAN MANUFACTURE—EXPORTS OF.—Mr. Robinson moved, pursuant to notice, That a Return be laid on the Table of the House showing the number of Harvesters of Australian manufacture exported from Australia from 1st January, 1901, to this date; such Return to specify the destination of such exports.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Mauger moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the motion, viz., "also the number of Harvesters imported into the Commonwealth from 1st January, 1901, to this date."
Debate continued.

The time allowed for the precedence of General Business having terminated, Government Business was called on.

6. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered, after debate—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 2 be postponed until Tuesday next.

8. MANUFACTURES ENCOURAGEMENT BILL (No. 2).—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Kelly moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1905–6.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 7.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and six,*" to which it has agreed without requests.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 24th August, 1905.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at four minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston*, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McColl*, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Webster.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 24.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 25TH AUGUST, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PETITION.—A Petition, praying that stringent prohibitory legislation, such as is in force in New Zealand, against the importation and use of opium for smoking, may be enacted, was presented as under :—

By Mr. Johnson—

From A. E. Bellingham and other citizens of New South Wales, containing upwards of 60,600 signatures.

Petition received and read.

3. PAPER.—Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Property for Public Purposes Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at Murrin Murrin, Western Australia, for a site for a Post-office.

4. MANUFACTURES ENCOURAGEMENT BILL (No. 2).—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Conroy moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

Message No. 8.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate has agreed to the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Assurance on the Lives of Children by Life Assurance Companies or Societies,*" with the amendment indicated in the annexed Schedule, in which amendment the Senate desires the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 25th August, 1905.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith in Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had agreed to the amendment, which is as follows :—

Page 3, clause 6, omit sub-clause (2), insert at end of sub-clause (1)—"Penalty: Forty-five pounds."

On the motion of Mr. Groom, the House adopted the Report.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the consideration of the remaining Government Business be postponed until Tuesday next; that Order of the Day, General Business, No. 1, be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 21st September next; and that Order of the Day, General Business, No. 2, be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 28th September next.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at six minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. McColl*, Mr. Phillips, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Sir George Turner, Mr. Watson, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Wilson

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No. 25.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 29TH AUGUST, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 10.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the Year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and six,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
Melbourne, 25th August, 1905.

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 11.

A Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the Law of Evidence,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
Melbourne, 25th August, 1905.

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 12.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Service and Execution of Process Act* 1901 '," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
Melbourne, 25th August, 1905.

3. PETITIONS.—A Petition, praying the House to provide an Opium Restriction Act, making the importing, manufacturing, and smoking of opium unlawful, was presented as under :—

By Mr. R. Edwards—
From certain persons at Townsville, Queensland.

Petition received.

Mr. Robinson presented a Petition from E. E. Smith, T. E. Bostock, and Robert Walpole, styling themselves President, Vice-President, and Secretary respectively of the Central Council of Employers of Australia, praying that the House will strike out of the Trade Marks Bill all the provisions relating to the union label.

Petition received and read.

4. ROYAL COMMISSIONS AND SELECT COMMITTEES—COST OF.—Mr. Wilks moved, pursuant to notice, That there be prepared and laid on the Table of the House a tabulated statement of all Royal Commissions and Select Committees appointed since the establishment of the Commonwealth Parliament, and showing the cost of the same.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that a quorum of Members was not present in the Committee; whereupon Mr. Speaker counted the House, and a quorum of Members having been obtained, the House again resolved itself into the Committee.
Mr. Speaker again resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. PAPERS.—Mr. Ewing presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Defence Department—Memorandum by the Minister of State for Defence on the Estimates of the Defence Department for the Financial Year 1905–6.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
Property for Public Purposes Acquisition Act 1901—Land acquired under, at Randwick, New South Wales, as an addition to the Rifle Range.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twelve minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Bamford, Mr. Batchelor, Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Frazer, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. McColl*, Mr. Poynton, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Sir George Turner, and Mr. Watkins.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH AUGUST, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PETITIONS.—Petitions from certain citizens of South Australia, praying that stringent prohibitory legislation, such as is in force in New Zealand, against the importation and use of opium for smoking, may be enacted, were presented as under :—

   By Sir Langdon Bonython—Five Petitions.
   By Mr. Glynn—Four Petitions.
   By Mr. Hutchison—Seven Petitions.

   Petitions severally received.

3. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
   Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—COUNT OUT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
   Debate ensued.
   Mr. Kennedy called the attention of Mr. Speaker to the fact that a quorum of Members was not present.
   The bells having been rung, and a quorum not having been obtained within the prescribed time, Mr. Speaker thereupon, at seventeen minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned the House until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Bamford, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Frazer, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. McColl*, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Sir George Turner, and Mr. Watkins.

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No. 27.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 31st AUGUST, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. Petitions.—Petitions from certain citizens and residents of South Australia, praying that stringent prohibitory legislation, such as is in force in New Zealand, against the importation and use of opium for smoking, may be enacted, were presented as under :—

   By Mr. Batchelor—Five Petitions.
   By Mr. Poynton—Four Petitions.

   Petitions severally received.

3. Paper.—Mr. Chapman presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

   Postmaster-General's Department—Copy of Reports by Mr. John Hesketh, Electrical Engineer, Postmaster-General's Department, Queensland, on—

   (1) Matters investigated by him during his recent tour in America and Europe ;
   (2) The Message Rate (Measured Service) or Toll system of charging for Telephone Services ; also
   (3) Further Report on the Automatic Telephone Exchange System.

   Ordered to lie on the Table.

4. Military Canteens—Particulars as to Receipts, etc.—Mr. Mauger moved, pursuant to notice, That a Return be laid on the Table showing—

   (1) The receipts during the past twelve months from military canteens throughout the Commonwealth.
   (2) The expenditure in connexion with the establishment and maintenance of same.
   (3) The profits, if any, on intoxicating liquors, and the way in which such profits have been applied.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. Opium—Restriction on Importation.—Mr. Johnson moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the importation of opium for other than medical purposes should be prohibited.

   Debate ensued.

   Mr. Chapman moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

   Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

   Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 5th October next.

6. Postponement of Business.—Ordered—That Notice of Motion, General Business, No. 2 be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 14th September next ; that Notice of Motion, General Business, No. 3 be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow; and that Order of the Day, General Business, No. 1 be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 14th September next.

7. Home Rule for Ireland.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—

That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty as follows :—

May it please Your Majesty :

We, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Members of the House of Representatives, in Parliament assembled, desire most earnestly in our name and on behalf of the people whom we represent, to express our unswerving loyalty and devotion to Your Majesty's person and Government.

We have observed with feelings of profound satisfaction the evidence afforded by recent legislation and recent debates in the Houses of Parliament of the United Kingdom, of a sincere desire now to deal justly with Ireland ; and in particular we congratulate the people of the United Kingdom on the remarkable Act directed towards the settlement of the land question, and on the concession to the people of Ireland of a measure of Local Government for municipal purposes. But the sad history of Ireland since the Act of Union shows that no British Parliament can understand or effectively deal with the economic and social conditions of Ireland.

Enjoying and appreciating as we do the blessings of Home Rule here, we would humbly express the hope that a just measure of Home Rule may be granted to the people of Ireland. They ask for it through their representatives—never has request more clear, consistent, and continuous been made by any nation. As subjects of Your Majesty we are interested in the peace and contentment of all parts of the Empire, and we desire to see this long-standing grievance at the very heart of the Empire removed. It is our desire for the solidarity and permanence of the Empire, as a Power making for peace and civilization, that must be our excuse for submitting to Your Majesty this respectful petition—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Ronald addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 28th September next.

8. Supply.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

9. Adjournment.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at fourteen minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present except—Mr. Bamford, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Frazer, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. McColl*, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Dugald Thomson, and Sir George Turner.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 1st SEPTEMBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. Petition.—Mr. R. Edwards presented a Petition from J. Dempsey, styling himself Secretary for and on behalf of the Master Bakers of Queensland, in conference assembled, praying that the House will refuse to enact the union label or device clauses of the Trade Marks Bill.
   Petition received.

3. Coinage—Correspondence *re* Silver Coinage or Decimal System.—Mr. G. B. Edwards moved, pursuant to notice, That a copy of all correspondence between the Government and the Secretary of State for the Colonies, or any other persons, subsequent to November 30th last, on the subjects of the coinage of silver or the adoption of a decimal system of currency by the Commonwealth, be laid upon the Table of the House.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. Supply.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
   Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. Adjournment.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
   Debate ensued.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at seventeen minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present except—Mr. Bamford, Mr. Batchelor, Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Frazer, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. McColl*, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Poynton, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Spence, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Sir George Turner, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Webster, Mr. Willis, and Mr. Wilson.

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No. 29.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 5TH SEPTEMBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PETITION.—Mr. McLean presented a Petition from the President, Vice-Presidents, and Council of the Victorian Chamber of Manufactures, praying that the House will strike Part VII. out of the Trade Marks Bill entirely.
   Petition received.

3. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
   Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the remaining Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

5. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE—MEMBER DISCHARGED FROM ATTENDANCE.—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice, That the honorable Member for Gippsland (Mr. McLean) be discharged from attendance on the Standing Orders Committee.
   Debate ensued.
   And the House continuing to sit till after midnight—

WEDNESDAY, 6th SEPTEMBER, 1905.

   Debate continued.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—COUNT OUT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
   Debate ensued.
   Mr. Joseph Cook called the attention of Mr. Speaker to the fact that a quorum of Members was not present.
   The bells having been rung, and a quorum not having been obtained within the prescribed time, the Speaker thereupon at nineteen minutes past twelve o'clock midnight adjourned the House until this day at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Frazer, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. Lonsdale, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McColl*, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Poynton, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Wilks.

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No. 30.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

3. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at three minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Conroy, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Frazer, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. McColl*, Mr. McLean, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Sir George Turner, and Mr. Wilks.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 31.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PETITION.—Mr. Joseph Cook presented a Petition from Bruce Purser and W. Bean Smith, styling themselves President and Honorary Secretary respectively of the Executive Committee of the Fruit-growers' Union of New South Wales, praying that the House will amend the Commerce Bill, which, in their opinion, will be most injurious in its effects, particularly in regard to the trade in tender and perishable goods such as fruit.
Petition received.

3. SHIPPING SERVICE BETWEEN COMMONWEALTH AND UNITED KINGDOM—SELECT COMMITTEE.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Spence—

(1) That a Select Committee of both Houses of Parliament be appointed to make full inquiry as to the advisability of the Federal Government owning and controlling a fleet of steamers for the carriage of mails, passengers, and cargo between Australia and the United Kingdom. The Committee, so far as the House of Representatives is concerned, to consist of Mr. Glynn, Mr. Mahon, Mr. McDonald, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Webster, and the Mover, and to have power to send for persons, papers, and records. Four to be the quorum.

(2) That the foregoing resolution be transmitted by Message to the Senate and their concurrence requested in the appointment of the Committee, and asking them to appoint Members to serve thereon—

And on the amendments proposed thereto, viz. :—Omit the words "of both Houses of Parliament" in line 1; omit the words "the advisability of the Federal Government owning and controlling a fleet of steamers for" in lines 2 and 3; omit the words "so far as the House of Representatives is concerned" in line 4; omit the words "Mr. Glynn," "Mr. McWilliams," "Mr. Robinson," "Mr. Webster" in lines 5 and 6, with a view to the insertion in place thereof of the words "Mr. Chanter," "Mr. Gibb," "Mr. Storrer," "Mr. Willis"; and omit paragraph (2)——

Debate resumed.
And the proposed amendments having been agreed to—
Question—That a Select Committee be appointed to make full inquiry as to the carriage of mails, passengers, and cargo between Australia and the United Kingdom. The Committee to consist of Mr. Chanter, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Mahon, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Storrer, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Willis, and the Mover, and to have power to send for persons, papers, and records. Four to be the quorum—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 2, be postponed until Thursday, 21st instant.

5. SEA-CARRIAGE OF GOODS ACT—EFFECT ON TRADE WITH THE EAST.—Mr. Deakin, for Mr. Cameron, moved, pursuant to notice, That a Return be laid on the Table of the House showing the amount of trade in perishable products between the Commonwealth and the East during the three years before the Sea-Carriage of Goods Act came into operation, the principal items to be specified, and to show for each month the quantity and value of each item; also similar particulars since the Act came into operation.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the consideration of Notice of Motion, General Business, No. 1 be postponed until after the consideration of Notice of Motion, General Business, No. 3; and that Notice of Motion, General Business, No. 2 be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 12th October next.

7. MISREPRESENTATION AS TO COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATION AND ADMINISTRATION.—Mr. Mahon moved, pursuant to notice,—

(1) That the persistent misrepresentation abroad of the legislative and administrative measures of the Commonwealth reflects unjustly on the character of the Australian people, and tends to operate prejudicially to the progress of Australia by checking immigration and impairing the credit of the States in the estimation of British and foreign investors.

(2) That, it being expedient to remove the erroneous and injurious impressions created by such misrepresentation, this House requests the Prime Minister, pending the appointment of a High Commissioner for the Commonwealth—

(*a*) To confer with the Agents-General of the States in devising a more effective method of periodically placing before the people of the United Kingdom exact and unbiassed particulars concerning the legislation, administration, and resources of Australia (or) (and)

(*b*) To invite the leading newspapers or press associations of the United Kingdom to jointly nominate three representatives to visit Australia ; conveying with such invitation an assurance that every facility required would be afforded these gentlemen to conduct such investigation as they might deem fit into the position of Australia, and particularly into the charge that our legislative and administrative policy unduly impedes the incoming of reputable white immigrants suitable for the work of colonization.

And Mr. Mahon not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 19th October next.

8. NAVAL DEFENCE—THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE COMMONWEALTH.—Mr. Kelly moved, pursuant to notice, That, whereas the command of the seas in time of war is essential to the security of the Empire's vast interests on, and beyond, the seas ; and whereas this command cannot be assured by separate squadrons acting independently on behalf of each section of the Empire ; and whereas the United Kingdom, which has hitherto borne practically unassisted the burden of Imperial naval defence, will sooner or later be unable to continue to make sufficient provision against the rapidly increasing naval armaments of foreign powers ; this House is of opinion—

(1) That all naval expenditure by the Commonwealth of Australia should be towards an Imperial Navy, on the efficiency and adequacy of which in time of war will depend her security from serious danger ; and

(2) That the Commonwealth of Australia's contribution to the Imperial Navy should be doubled.

Mr. McCay moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 21st instant.

9. SUPPLY.—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—

Question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House at twenty-four minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Conroy, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. McColl*, Mr. McLean, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Skene, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Sir George Turner, and Mr. Wilks.

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No. 32.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 8TH SEPTEMBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PRINTING COMMITTEE—SECOND REPORT FROM.—Mr. Poynton, Acting Chairman, brought up the Second Report from the Printing Committee.
The Report was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have dealt with all the Papers and Petitions laid on the Table of the House since the last sitting of the Committee.

Your Committee find that the following Papers, presented to both Houses, have been printed by order of the Senate :—

Governor-General—Residence of, in New South Wales.
Electoral Act 1902—Provisional Regulations *re* Sale of Rolls—Statutory Rules 1905, No. 47.
High Court—Arrangements and Expenses.

Your Committee recommend that the following Papers and Petition be printed :—

Papers—
Tariff, Uniform—Return showing effect of, on Trade and Manufacture.
Mail Service—Contract between the Commonwealth and Orient Steam Navigation Company for the Conveyance of Australian Mails.
Mail Tenders—Orient Shipping Company and Scott Fell and Co.
The Budget, 1905–6—Papers prepared by the Treasurer.
Mail Service—Minute by Postmaster-General *in re* Orient Shipping Company and Scott Fell and Co.
Defence Department—Memorandum by the Minister on Estimates, 1905–6.
Postmaster-General's Department—Reports by Mr. John Hesketh, Electrical Engineer, *re* Telephone Services, &c.

Petition—
From President, &c., Central Council of Employers of Australia, *re* Union Label in Trade Marks Bill.

A. POYNTON,
Acting Chairman.

House of Representatives,
Committee Room, 7th September, 1905.

Mr. Poynton moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

3. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker took the Chair ; Mr. Mauger reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 be postponed until Tuesday next.

5. Representation Bill.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—
Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Johnson moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

6. Postponement of Order of the Day—(Commonwealth Printing—Select Committee).—Ordered—
That Order of the Day No. 4, General Business, for Thursday next, be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 26th October next.

7. Adjournment.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at eight minutes past five o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present except—Mr. Batchelor, Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. McColl*, Mr. McLean, Mr. McWilliams, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Sir George Turner, Mr. Wilks, and Mr. Wilson.

* On leave.

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No. 33.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 12TH SEPTEMBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPERS.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Northern Territory—Report of His Excellency the Governor of South Australia on his visit to.

Pacific Cable Conference, Colonial Office, London, 1905—Report.

Immigration—Correspondence in regard to Communications between the Commonwealth and the Agents-General for the States on the subject of Immigration; and letter from Prime Minister to the Chairman of the Agents-General.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

3. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.

Mr. Salmon also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Sir John Forrest moved, pursuant to notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended in order to enable all steps to be taken to pass the Appropriation (Works and Buildings)Bill 1905-6 through all its stages without delay.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and is as follows :—

ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1905-6.

Resolved—That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1905-6, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a sum not exceeding £418,911.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.

6. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.

Mr. Salmon also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.—The resolution reported from the Committee of Ways and Means was read, and is as follows :—

ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1905-6.

Resolved—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year 1905-6, a sum not exceeding Four hundred and eighteen thousand nine hundred and eleven pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir John Forrest and Mr. Deakin do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

8. Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1905-6.—Sir John Forrest then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and six for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.
On the motion of Sir John Forrest the House adopted the Report.
Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

9. Adjournment.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at sixteen minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present except—Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Brown, Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. Knox, Mr. Lonsdale, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McColl*, Mr. McLean, Mr. McWilliams, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Dugald Thomson, and Sir George Turner.

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No. 34.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. SHIPPING SERVICE BETWEEN COMMONWEALTH AND UNITED KINGDOM—SELECT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Thomas moved, by leave, That the Select Committee on the Shipping Service between the Commonwealth and the United Kingdom have power to report the Minutes of Evidence from time to time.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

3. PAPER.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

   Immigration and the "contract" provisions of the Immigration Restriction Act 1901.—Correspondence between the Premier of New South Wales and the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth.

   Ordered to lie on the Table.

4. REPRESENTATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—

   Debate resumed.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

   Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same with amendments.

   Ordered—That the consideration of the Report be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 and 3, be postponed until to-morrow.

6. WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.

   On the motion of Mr. Chapman, the House adopted the Report, and ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the third reading to be moved this day.

   Mr. Chapman moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the remaining Government Business be postponed until to-morrow, and that the Notice of Motion, General Business, be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 12th October next.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at half-past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Brown, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kingston*, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McColl*, Mr. McWilliams, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, and Sir George Turner.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE: STANDING RULES AND ORDERS AS FURTHER AMENDED AND RECOMMENDED BY.—Mr. Speaker, Chairman, brought up from the Standing Orders Committee, Standing Rules and Orders relating to Public Business, also those relating to Private Bills, as further amended and agreed to by the Committee, to 14th September, 1905, and recommended to the House, together with the Proceedings of the Committee.
Ordered to lie on the Table.

3. PAPER.—Mr. Deakin presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Defence Acts 1903-1904—Military Forces—Financial and Allowance Regulations, Part II., sub-paragraph (*b*) of paragraph 60—Pay of Permanent Forces—Royal Australian Artillery—Married Establishment—Statutory Rules 1905, No. 54.

4. "CONTRACT" POST AND TELEGRAPH OFFICES.—Mr. Mauger moved, pursuant to notice, *amended by leave*, That a Return be laid on the Table of the House showing—

(1) The number and situation of "contract" post and telegraph offices.
(2) The amount of each contract.
(3) The number of employés in each such "contract" office.
(4) The wages paid and hours worked by each employé.
(5) Particulars as to the employment of members of the contractor's family.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. PROPOSED POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, That the Notice of Motion, General Business, be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 19th October next.
Question—put and negatived.

6. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The following Order of the Day was read, and, after debate, discharged:—

1. *Trade, Commerce, and Industries—Standing Parliamentary Committee—Motion* (*Mr. Isaacs*).

7. DEFENCE REGULATIONS—SELECT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Crouch moved, pursuant to notice, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the advisability of amending the Regulations issued under the Defence Acts; the Committee to consist of Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Maloney, Mr. Mauger, Mr. Page, Mr. Wilks, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit at any time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Deakin moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 5th October next.

8. PENNY POSTAGE FOR COMMONWEALTH.—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the penny postage system should be extended to all parts of the Commonwealth.
And Mr. Lee not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 5th October next. (*See item No.* 12 *below.*)

9. PAPER.—The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

Sea-Carriage of Goods Act—Effect on Trade with the East.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 7th September, 1905.

10. COMMERCE BILL (No. 2).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the motion, That the Bill be referred to a Select Committee—
Mr. Knox moved, That the Bill be referred to a Select Committee consisting of Mr. Brown, Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Lee, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Salmon, and the Mover.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Spence moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—HIGH COMMISSIONER—SELECTION OF.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 9.

The Senate transmits to the House of Representatives the following Resolution, which has been agreed to by the Senate, and requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein, viz. :—

"That, in the opinion of the Senate, the High Commissioner for the Commonwealth of Australia should, when selected, be selected by exhaustive ballot at a joint meeting of the Senate and House of Representatives."

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 14th September, 1905.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 12th October next.

12. PENNY POSTAGE FOR COMMONWEALTH.—Ordered—That the resumption of the debate on this question be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 2nd November next, in place of Thursday, 5th October, previously fixed this day.

13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at two minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Brown, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. McColl*, Mr. McWilliams, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Sydney Smith, Sir George Turner, and Mr. Watkins.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 15TH SEPTEMBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Joseph Cook rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The necessity for amending Section 3, Sub-section (*g*), of the Immigration Restriction Act."

   Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—

   Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.

   Mr. Deakin, addressing the House, and not having, in compliance with Standing Order No. 39, concluded his speech within fifteen minutes, the honorable Member was, by leave of the House, allowed to continue his speech.

   Debate continued.

   Mr. Watson, addressing the House, and not having, in compliance with Standing Order No. 39, concluded his speech within fifteen minutes, the honorable Member was, by leave of the House, allowed to continue his speech.

   Debate continued.

   It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 119, and the Orders of the Day were called on.

3. COMMERCE BILL (No. 2).—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Knox:—That the Bill be referred to a Select Committee consisting of Mr. Brown, Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Lee, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Salmon, and the Mover—

   Debate resumed.

   Question—put.

   The House divided—

Ayes, 12.		Noes, 27.	
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Bamford,	Mr. O'Malley,
Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Page,
Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Dugald Thomson.	Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Ronald,
Sir Philip Fysh,		Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. Gibb,	*Tellers.*	Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Storrer,
Mr. Knox,	Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Liddell,	Mr. Kelly.	Mr. Fisher,	Mr. David Thomson,
		Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Watson,
		Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Webster,
		Mr. Groom,	Mr. Wilkinson.
		Mr. Higgins,	
		Sir William Lyne,	*Tellers.*
		Mr. Mauger,	
		Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Hume Cook,
		Mr. McLean,	Mr. Tudor.

   And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Deputy Speaker took the Chair; Mr. Wilks reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-one minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Batchelor, Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Brown, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Mr. McCay, Mr. McColl, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Poynton, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Sydney Smith, Sir George Turner, and Mr. Watkins.

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No. 37.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PETITIONS.—Petitions from certain citizens and residents of Victoria, praying that stringent prohibitory legislation, such as is in force in New Zealand, against the importation and use of opium for smoking, may be enacted, were presented as under :—
   By Mr. Crouch—Three Petitions.
   By Mr. Knox—One Petition.
   Petitions severally received.

3. COMMERCE BILL (No. 2).—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
   Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
   Debate ensued.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at ten minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Frazer, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Mauger, Mr. McCay, Mr. McColl, Mr. McWilliams, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Storrer, Sir George Turner, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Willis.

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No. 38.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (SIR JOHN QUICK).—Mr. Deakin moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Bendigo (Sir John Quick), on the ground of absence on public business.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

3. PAPER.—The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
Coinage.—Correspondence *re* Silver Coinage or Decimal System.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 1st September, 1905.

4. COMMERCE BILL (No. 2).—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House at five minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Frazer, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Mahon, Mr. McCay, Mr. McColl, Mr. Page, Sir John Quick*, Mr. Reid, Mr. Skene, Mr. Bruce Smith, Sir George Turner, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Willis.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 21st SEPTEMBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. Paper.—Sir William Lyne presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
Beer Excise Act 1901.—Regulations (Statutory Rules 1905, No. 55).

3. Ministry: Proposed Election by Parliament.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Fowler:—That the present methods of constituting Ministerial Cabinets, together with the powers exercised by these bodies, amount in many respects to the usurpation of the rights and duties of Parliament as a whole, tend to foment unnecessary party strife, impede the work of legislation, and precipitate artificial crises; and therefore, in the opinion of this House, such legislation as may be necessary should be introduced to provide for the election of Ministers by Parliament—

Debate resumed.

Mr. G. B. Edwards, addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday next.

4. Postponement of Orders of the Day.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 2 and 3 be postponed until Thursday, 5th October next.

5. States' Debts.—Select Committee.—Mr. Knox moved, pursuant to notice—

(1) That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report what is the best mode of dealing with the States' debts in the interests of the taxpayers of the Commonwealth, and what (if any) constitutional changes are necessary to give effect to its recommendations.

(2) That such Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records, and have leave to report the minutes of evidence from time to time.

(3) That the Committee consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Fisher, Sir John Forrest, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Harper, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Sir George Turner, Mr. Watson, and the Mover. Five Members to be a quorum.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Deakin addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday next.

6. Commerce Bill (No. 2).—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at three minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Frazer, Mr. Harper, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Mahon, Mr. McColl, Mr. Page, Sir John Quick*, Mr. Reid, Mr. Skene, Mr. Bruce Smith, Sir George Turner, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Willis.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 22ND SEPTEMBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. COMMERCE BILL (No. 2).—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker took the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same with amendments.
Ordered—That the consideration of the Report be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1905-6.—Mr. Deputy-Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 10.

The Senate has agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and six for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.,*" with the amendments indicated in the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Senate desires the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 22nd September, 1905.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith in Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had agreed to the amendments, which are as follow:—

No. 1.—Page 1, clause 2, line 11, leave out "eighteen," insert "sixteen."
No. 2.—Page 18, division No. 6, subdivision No. 1, leave out item No. 11, "Mounting 8-inch breech-loading guns on *Cerberus*, £2,000"; and make consequential alterations in Totals.

On the motion of Mr. Deakin, the House adopted the Report.

4. REPRESENTATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole House on this Bill—
Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clauses 3, 4, and 10.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had reconsidered the clauses referred to it and had agreed to the same with further amendments.
Mr. Groom moved, by leave, That the Reports from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill be adopted.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the third reading be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

5. PAPERS.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Immigration.—Copy of Report of the Acting Agent-General for New South Wales (Mr. T. A. Coghlan).

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Public Service Act 1902.—Temporary Employés.—Return showing the names of all persons temporarily employed in the Public Service during the year 1904–5, their periods of employment, and the remuneration paid to them.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House at twenty-one minutes to five o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Culpin, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Frazer, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Kingston, Mr. McColl, Mr. Page, Sir John Quick*, Mr. Reid, Mr. Skene, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Spence, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Sir George Turner, Mr. Watson, Mr. Willis, and Mr. Wilson.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 26TH SEPTEMBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPERS.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Mail Steamers—Agreement between the Queensland Government and the Orient Steam Navigation Company Limited, for the company's mail ships to extend their voyages from Sydney to Brisbane.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Chapman presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Post and Telegraph Act 1901—Regulations—

Telegrams within the Commonwealth—Prepaid Replies—Addition to Regulations—Statutory Rules 1905, No. 51.

No. 4*a*.—Value Payable Post—Statutory Rules 1905, No. 52.

3. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.

Mr. Salmon also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Sir John Forrest moved, pursuant to notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended in order to enable all steps to be taken to obtain Supply and to pass a Supply Bill through all its stages without delay.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and is as follows:—

Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Six hundred and sixty thousand one hundred and eighty-five pounds be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year ending 30th June, 1906.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.

6. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.

Mr. Salmon also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.—The resolution reported from the Committee of Ways and Means was read, and is as follows :—

Resolved—That towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year ending 30th June, 1906, a sum not exceeding Six hundred and sixty thousand one hundred and eighty-five pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir John Forrest and Mr. Deakin do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

8. SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) 1905–6.—Sir John Forrest then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and six,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.

On the motion of Sir John Forrest, the House adopted the Report.

Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-eight minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. Culpin, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Mauger, Mr. McColl, Mr. Page, Sir John Quick*, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Sir George Turner, Mr. Wilks, Mr. Willis, and Mr. Wilson.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. REPRESENTATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the third reading of this Bill—
Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

3. COMMERCE BILL (No. 2).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole House on this Bill—
Sir William Lyne moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clause 10, in regard to the following proposed amendment, viz :—Sub-clause (2), omit " shall be " and insert " may be detained by the Collector and may, by direction of the Minister, be seized as," and clause 13, in regard to the following proposed amendment, viz. :—Omit the words " any word, figure, or mark for the purpose of indicating the quality, class, or grade of the goods " and insert " the prescribed trade description," and for the consideration of proposed new clauses 7A, 7B, and 13A.
Debate ensued.
And clause 7 having been added to the clauses proposed to be recommitted, and the limitations to the extent of the recommittal of clauses 10 and 13 having been omitted—
Debate continued.
Mr. Knox moved, That clause 14 be added to the clauses proposed to be recommitted.
Question—put.
The House proceeded to a Division—and there being no Member voting on the side of the Ayes, the question passed in the negative.
Mr. Kelly moved, That the words " and other new clauses " be added to the new clauses proposed to be considered
Question—put and negatived.
Mr. Glynn moved, That clause 13B be added to the clauses proposed to be recommitted.
Question—put.
The House divided—

Ayes, 19.		Noes, 23.	
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. McCay,	Mr. Bamford,	Mr. Ronald,
Sir Langdon Bonython,	Mr. McLean,	Mr. Brown,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. McWilliams,	Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Storrer,
Mr. Conroy,	Mr. Reid,	Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Mr. Skene,	Mr. Chapman,	Mr. David Thomson,
Mr. Gibb,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,	Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Tudor,
Mr. Glynn,	Mr. Wilson.	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Knox,	*Tellers.*	Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Wilkinson.
Mr. Liddell,	Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Frazer,	
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Kelly.	Mr. Groom,	*Tellers.*
		Mr. Hutchison,	
		Sir William Lyne,	Mr. Hume Cook,
		Mr. O'Malley,	Mr. Poynton.

And so it passed in the negative.
Mr. Conroy moved, That all the clauses of the Bill except clauses 13B and 14 be recommitted.
Question—put and negatived.

Mr. Dugald Thomson moved, That clause 2 be added to the clauses proposed to be recommitted.
Debate ensued.
Question—put.
The House divided—

Ayes, 20.		Noes, 35.	
Sir Langdon Bonython,	Mr. McLean,	Mr. Bamford,	Mr. Mauger,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. McWilliams,	Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Conroy,	Mr. Reid,	Mr. Brown,	Mr. O'Malley,
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Skene,	Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Poynton,
Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Ronald,
Sir Philip Fysh,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,	Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Glynn,	Mr. Wilson.	Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. Knox,	*Tellers.*	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Storrer,
Mr. Liddell,		Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Kelly,	Sir John Forrest,	Mr. David Thomson,
Mr. McCay,	Mr. Robinson.	Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Watkins,
		Mr. Groom,	Mr. Watson,
		Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Webster,
		Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Wilkinson.
		Mr. Hutchison,	
		Mr. Isaacs,	*Tellers.*
		Sir William Lyne,	
		Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Hume Cook,
		Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Tudor.

And so it passed in the negative.
Question—That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clauses 7, 10, and 13, and for the consideration of proposed new clauses 7A, 7B, and 13A—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that a quorum of Members was not present in the Committee; whereupon Mr. Speaker counted the House, and a quorum of Members having been obtained, the House again resolved itself into the Committee.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight—

THURSDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER, 1905.

Mr. Speaker again resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had re-considered clauses 7, 10, and 13, and had agreed to the same with further amendments, and had added new clauses 7B and 13A to the Bill.
Ordered—That the consideration of the Reports be made an Order of the Day for this day.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) 1905–6.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 11.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and six,*" to which it has agreed without requests.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 27th September, 1905.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at seven minutes to three o'clock a.m., adjourned until this day at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. Culpin, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lee, Mr. McColl, Mr. Page, Sir John Quick*, Mr. Sydney Smith, Sir George Turner, Mr. Wilks, and Mr. Willis.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. JAPANESE AND IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION ACT.—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, pursuant to notice—

(1) That, in the opinion of this House, in view of the facts that the Japanese people have placed themselves in the front rank of civilized nations; that they have proved themselves to be one of the most progressive peoples in the world; that, as a nation, they have become the honoured and trusted friend and ally of the British people, and therefore of the British Empire; because of their high national character; and because they have become one of the greatest naval and military powers of the world: the time has arrived for differentiating the Japanese people from other Asiatic races with whom they have been impliedly grouped under the Immigration Restriction Act of 1901, and for placing them, in their relationship to the people of Australia, upon the same footing of international amity as that which is now extended to European peoples.

(2) That the Immigration Restriction Act of 1901 should be so amended as to admit of the regulation of the admission of the Japanese people to Australia being made the subject of diplomatic negotiation and mutual arrangement, subject to any proposed treaty being submitted to the approval of Parliament, or so as to admit of the Japanese language being included with those of European nations as the basis of an educational test of the rights of immigrants: thus to remove from the Japanese people the implied stigma, of which they have complained, of being grouped with other Asiatic races as "prohibited immigrants."

Mr. Brown moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday next.

3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 1, be postponed until Thursday, 16th November next.

4. HOME RULE FOR IRELAND.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Higgins:—

That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty as follows:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY:

We, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Members of the House of Representatives, in Parliament assembled, desire most earnestly in our name and on behalf of the people whom we represent, to express our unswerving loyalty and devotion to Your Majesty's person and Government.

We have observed with feelings of profound satisfaction the evidence afforded by recent legislation and recent debates in the Houses of Parliament of the United Kingdom, of a sincere desire now to deal justly with Ireland; and in particular we congratulate the people of the United Kingdom on the remarkable Act directed towards the settlement of the land question, and on the concession to the people of Ireland of a measure of Local Government for municipal purposes. But the sad history of Ireland since the Act of Union shows that no British Parliament can understand or effectively deal with the economic and social conditions of Ireland.

Enjoying and appreciating as we do the blessings of Home Rule here, we would humbly express the hope that a just measure of Home Rule may be granted to the people of Ireland. They ask for it through their representatives—never has request more clear, consistent, and continuous been made by any nation. As subjects of Your Majesty we are interested in the peace and contentment of all parts of the Empire, and we desire to see this long-standing grievance at the very heart of the Empire removed. It is our desire for the solidarity and permanence of the Empire, as a Power making for peace and civilization, that must be our excuse for submitting to Your Majesty this respectful petition—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Reid moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the first word "That" be omitted, and that the following words be inserted in place thereof, viz. :—

"whilst in full sympathy with every movement calculated to advance the best interests of Ireland, this House declines to petition His Majesty either in favour of or against a change in the parliamentary system which at present prevails in the United Kingdom—

(1) because this House does not consider such matters within its legitimate province ;
(2) because they will shortly become issues in an appeal to the electors of Great Britain and Ireland, in which this House has no right to interfere ; and
(3) because this House confidently relies upon the fairness and wisdom of the British people for the removal of every just Irish grievance in the manner most likely to promote the welfare of the Irish people and the stability of the Empire."

Debate continued.

Mr. Kelly addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 12th October next.

5. Postponement of Orders of the Day.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 3 and 4 be postponed until Thursday next.

6. Supply.—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—
Question proposed—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. Commerce Bill (No. 2).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Reports from the Committee of the whole House on this Bill—Sir William Lyne moved, That the Reports be now adopted.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the third reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

8. Adjournment.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirty-three minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present except—Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Kingston, Mr. McColl, Mr. Page, Sir John Quick*, Mr. Sydney Smith, Sir George Turner, Mr. Wilks, and Mr. Willis.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPER.—Mr. Ewing presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
Defence Acts 1903–4—Military Forces.—Regulations (to come into operation on the first day of October, 1905), Statutory Rules 1905, No. 56.

3. COMMERCE BILL (No. 2).—The Order of the Day having been read for the third reading of this Bill—
Mr. Robinson moved, That the Bill be now re-committed to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clause 10 so far as it relates to the confiscation or forfeiture of the goods of Australian producers and manufacturers.
Mr. Knox moved, That the motion be amended by inserting the words "the Title and clause 1 and" before the word "clause."
Debate ensued.
Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Question—That the Bill be now re-committed to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of the Title, clause 1, and clause 10, so far as it relates to the confiscation or forfeiture of the goods of Australian producers and manufacturers—put.
The House divided—

Ayes, 14.		Noes, 20.	
Sir Langdon Bonython,	Mr. McWilliams,	Mr. Brown,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Reid,	Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Conroy,	Mr. Skene,	Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Storrer,
Mr. Knox,	Mr. Bruce Smith.	Mr. Deakin,	Mr. David Thomson,
Mr. Lee,		Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Tudor,
Mr. Liddell,	*Tellers.*	Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Webster,
Mr. McCay,	Mr. Robinson,	Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Wilkinson.
Mr. McLean,	Mr. Wilson.	Mr. Groom,	
		Mr. Kennedy,	*Tellers.*
		Sir William Lyne,	Mr. Hume Cook,
		Mr. Mauger,	Mr. McDonald.

And so it passed in the negative.
Sir William Lyne moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir William Lyne moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
And then the House, at thirteen minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. McColl, Mr. Page, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Poynton, Sir John Quick*, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Spence, Sir George Turner, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilks, and Mr. Willis.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 3RD OCTOBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPERS.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
   Federal Capital Site—
   Correspondence *re* (15th September, 1904, to 4th September, 1905).
   Correspondence between the Prime Minister, and the Premier of New South Wales, respecting a draft Bill to expedite settlement of the Capital Site (8th to 29th September, 1905).
   Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

3. CENSUS AND STATISTICS BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
   Debate resumed.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
   Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same with amendments.
   Ordered—That the consideration of the Report be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

4. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

   NORTHCOTE,

   Governor-General.

   Message No. 13.

   A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and six*," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

   Government House,
   Melbourne, 28th September, 1905.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at sixteen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Batchelor, Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Brown, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lonsdale, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McColl, Mr. Phillips, Sir John Quick*, Mr. Skene, Mr. Spence, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Sir George Turner, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Watson, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Wilks.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH OCTOBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Maloney presented five Petitions, containing respectively 1,168, 3,218, 6,955, 8,535 and 9,417 signatures, from citizens and residents of Victoria, praying that stringent prohibitory legislation, such as is in force in New Zealand, against the importation and use of opium for smoking, may be enacted.
Petitions severally received and one read.

3. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Reid rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "A recent speech of the Minister for Trade and Customs proclaiming his hostility to a vital part of the policy of the Government of which he is a member, namely, the adoption of active measures, in conjunction with the State Governments, to induce European, and especially British, emigrants to come to Australia."
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
Mr. Reid moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 119, and the Orders of the Day were called on.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day be postponed until after the consideration of Notice of Motion No. 1.

5. MAIL CONTRACT WITH ORIENT COMPANY.—Mr. Chapman moved, pursuant to notice, That this House accepts the agreement, made and entered into on the 25th day of April, 1905, between the Postmaster-General, in and for the Commonwealth, of the first part; the Orient Steam Navigation Company Limited, of the second part; and the Law Guarantee and Trust Society, of the third part, for the carriage of mails between Naples and Adelaide, and other ports.
Mr. R. Edwards moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "That," up to and inclusive of the word "Adelaide," in the last line be omitted, and that the following words be inserted in place thereof:—"in the opinion of this House the contract entered into with the Orient Company for Mail Service between Australia and Great Britain should be referred back to the Government for further consideration, with the object of including Brisbane as a port of call."
Debate ensued.
Mr. Fisher moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

6. Message from His Excellency the Governor-General.—Assent to Bill.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,

Governor-General. *Message No.* 14.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the service of the Year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and six for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.*," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
Melbourne, 28th September, 1905.

7. Paper.—Sir William Lyne presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament :—

Customs Act 1901—Coasting Trade.—Amended Regulation 148 and Regulation 148A—Statutory Rules 1905, No. 61.

8. Census and Statistics Bill.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole House on this Bill—Mr. Groom moved, That the Report be now adopted.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clause 16, in regard to the addition of a proposed new paragraph thereto.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had reconsidered clause 16, and had agreed to the proposed new paragraph.

On the motion of Mr. Groom, the House adopted the Reports, and ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the third reading to be moved this day.

Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

9. Adjournment.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-eight minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. McColl, Mr. Phillips, Sir John Quick*, Mr. Skene, Mr. Spence, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Sir George Turner, and Mr. Wilks.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 5TH OCTOBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PETITIONS.—

Petitions, praying that the House will pass legislation to prohibit the importation of opium, except for medicinal purposes, were presented as under :—

By Mr. Batchelor—
From J. M. Holder, styling herself State President, and other officers, of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of South Australia.

By Mr. Deakin—
From Jessie S. Rooke, styling herself President, and Louisa Ardill, of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Australia.

Petitions from certain citizens and residents of Victoria, praying that stringent prohibitory legislation, such as is in force in New Zealand, against the importation and use of opium for smoking, may be enacted, were presented as under :—

By Mr. Hume Cook—Two Petitions, containing respectively 7,203 and 7,298 signatures.
By Mr. Mauger—Two Petitions, containing respectively 8,072 and 8,790 signatures.

Petitions, praying that the House will speedily pass legislation to prohibit the sale and consumption of alcoholic liquors in military camps, canteens, and Army transports, were presented as under :—

By Mr. Batchelor—
From J. M. Holder, styling herself State President, and other officers, of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of South Australia.

By Mr. Deakin—
From Jessie S. Rooke, styling herself President, and Louisa Ardill, of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Australia.

Petitions severally received.

3. PAPERS.—Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to the directions of Acts of Parliament—

Property for Public Purposes Acquisition Act 1901—Land acquired under, at Mosman, New South Wales—As a site for a Post-office (in place of notice previously gazetted).
Public Service Act 1902—Amendment of Regulation No. 64—Overtime, General Division—Statutory Rules 1905, No. 57.

4. OPIUM.—RESTRICTION ON IMPORTATION.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Johnson :—That, in the opinion of this House, the importation of opium for other than medical purposes should be prohibited—
And Mr. Deakin, who had already spoken on the motion, having, by leave, made a statement—
Mr. R. Edwards moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 19th instant.

5. DEFENCE REGULATIONS.—SELECT COMMITTEE.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Crouch :—That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the advisability of amending the Regulations issued under the Defence Acts ; the Committee to consist of Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Maloney, Mr. Mauger, Mr. Page, Mr. Wilks, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit at any time—
Debate resumed.

Mr. Hutchison moved, as an amendment, That the name of Mr. Wilks be omitted from the proposed Committee, and that the name of Mr. Lee be inserted in place thereof.

Debate continued.

Mr. Maloney moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 26th instant.

It being two hours after the meeting of the House the Motions were taken.

6. Postponement of Business.—Ordered—That Notice of Motion, General Business No. 1, be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 2nd November next.

7. Imported Articles used by the Government.—Mr. Mauger moved, pursuant to notice, *amended by leave*, That a Return be laid on the Table of the House showing—

(1) The various articles and goods directly imported by the Government for use in the various Departments.
(2) The imported articles or goods purchased by the Government in the Commonwealth.
(3) The imported articles or goods supplied for use in the Departments by contractors to the Government.
(4) The country in which they were manufactured.

The Return to cover the business of the last financial year.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

8. Postponement of Order of the Day.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business No. 3, be postponed until Thursday, 26th instant.

9. Naval Defence—The United Kingdom and the Commonwealth.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Kelly :—That whereas the command of the seas in time of war is essential to the security of the Empire's vast interests on, and beyond, the seas ; and whereas this command cannot be assured by separate squadrons acting independently on behalf of each section of the Empire ; and whereas the United Kingdom, which has hitherto borne practically unassisted the burden of Imperial naval defence, will sooner or later be unable to continue to make sufficient provision against the rapidly increasing naval armaments of foreign powers ; this House is of opinion—

(1) That all naval expenditure by the Commonwealth of Australia should be towards an Imperial Navy, on the efficiency and adequacy of which in time of war will depend her security from serious danger ; and
(2) That the Commonwealth of Australia's contribution to the Imperial Navy should be doubled—

Mr. Carpenter moved, as an amendment, That after the first word "That" the following words be inserted, viz. :—

"in the opinion of this House it is desirable to encourage and promote a national and self-reliant spirit among the Australian people ; to create and maintain a deeper interest in the development of our sea power and in the naval defence of the Commonwealth.

"That, while regarding the existing naval agreement with Great Britain as a recognition of present obligations to the Empire, it is essential that provision be made in the near future for an Australian Navy for defence purposes.

"That an advisory report be obtained from the Naval Director showing the number and class of war vessels necessary under existing circumstances, and the approximate cost of providing and maintaining the same."

Debate continued.

Mr. Hume Cook moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 26th instant.

10. Postponement of Orders of the Day.—Ordered—That the remaining Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed as follows, viz. :—Orders of the Day Nos. 5 and 6 until Thursday, 19th instant ; and Order of the Day No. 7 until Thursday next.

11. Mail Contract with Orient Company.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Chapman :—

That this House accepts the Agreement, made and entered into on the 25th day of April, 1905, between the Postmaster-General, in and for the Commonwealth, of the first part ; the Orient Steam Navigation Company Limited, of the second part ; and the Law Guarantee and Trust Society, of the third part, for the carriage of mails between Naples and Adelaide, and other ports—

And upon the following amendment proposed thereto :—

That all the words after the word "That," up to and inclusive of the word "Adelaide," in the last line, be omitted, and that the following words be inserted in place thereof :—

"in the opinion of this House the contract entered into with the Orient Company for Mail Service between Australia and Great Britain should be referred back to the Government for further consideration, with the object of including Brisbane as a port of call"—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Frazer moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.

12. SECRET COMMISSIONS BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

13. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next, at half-past two o'clock p.m., or such time thereafter as Mr. Speaker may take the Chair.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

14. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at five minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until Tuesday next.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. McColl, Mr. Phillips, Sir John Quick*, Mr. Skene, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Spence, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Sir George Turner, Mr. Wilks, and Mr. Wilson.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 10TH OCTOBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PETITION.—A Petition, praying that the House will pass legislation to prohibit the importation of opium, except for medicinal purposes, was presented as under :—

   By Mr. Knox—

   From M. McLean, styling herself State President, and other officers, of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

   Petition received and read.

3. SECRET COMMISSIONS BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.

   On the motion of Mr. Isaacs the House adopted the Report.

   Ordered—That the third reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the consideration of the remaining Orders of the Day and Notice of Motion No. 1 be postponed until after the consideration of Notice of Motion No. 2.

5. QUEEN VICTORIA MEMORIAL.—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice—

   (1) That, in the opinion of this House, the Commonwealth of Australia should join with Great Britain, Canada, New Zealand, the Cape Colony, Natal, Newfoundland, and other parts of the Empire, in the erection of a Memorial in honour of the personal worth and beneficent reign of the late Queen Victoria.

   (2) That this House is prepared to approve of a grant of £25,000 for that purpose.

   (3) That the foregoing resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor-General.

   Debate ensued.

   Mr. McDonald moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

   And, after debate—

   Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

   Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Nos. 2 to 6 inclusive, be postponed until to-morrow.

7 SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

   Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House at fourteen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Frazer, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Kingston, Mr. McColl, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Poynton, Sir John Quick*, Mr. Reid, Sir George Turner, Mr. Willis, and Mr. Wilson.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH OCTOBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PETITIONS.—Petitions, praying that the House will speedily pass legislation to prohibit the sale and consumption of alcoholic liquors in military camps, canteens, and Army transports, were presented as under :—

By Mr. R. Edwards—

From Agnes H. Williams, styling herself State President, and Charlotte E. Trundle, of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Queensland.

By Mr. Liddell—

From Sara S. Nolan, styling herself President, and other officers, of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of New South Wales.

Petitions severally received.

Mr. Liddell moved, That the Petition presented by him be read.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 40.		Noes, 8.	
Mr. Bamford,	Mr. Knox,	Mr. Fisher,	Mr. David Thomson.
Sir Langdon Bonython,	Mr. Lee,	Mr. O'Malley,	
	Mr. Liddell,	Mr. Page,	*Tellers.*
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Fraz r,
Mr. Carpenter,	Sir William Lyne,	Mr. Thomas,	Mr. McDonald.
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Mauger,		
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Poynton,		
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Ronald,		
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Salmon,		
Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Sydney Smith,		
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Storrer,		
Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Mr. Watkins,		
Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Watson,		
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Webster,		
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Wilkinson,		
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Wilks,		
Sir Philip Fysh,	Mr. Wilson.		
Mr. Glynn,			
Mr. Groom,	*Tellers.*		
Mr. Hughes,			
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Hume Cook,		
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Tudor.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Petition read.

A Petition, praying that the House will pass legislation to prohibit the importation of opium, except for medicinal purposes, was presented as under :—

By Mr. Liddell—

From Sara S. Nolan, styling herself President, and other officers, of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of New South Wales.

Petition received.

Mr. Page moved, That the Petition be read.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 35.		Noes, 12.	
Mr. Brown,	Sir William Lyne,	Sir Langdon Bonython,	Mr. Storrer,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Frazer,	Mr. David Thomson,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. McDonald,	Sir Philip Fysh,	Mr. Watson.
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Page,	Mr. Glynn,	*Tellers.*
Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Ronald,	Mr. Hutchison,	
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Salmon,	Mr. O'Malley,	Mr. Crouch,
Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Poynton.
Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Thomas,		
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Tudor,		
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Watkins,		
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Webster,		
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Wilkinson,		
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Wilks,		
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Wilson.		
Mr. Kelly,			
Mr. Knox,	*Tellers.*		
Mr. Lee,			
Mr. Liddell,	Mr. Carpenter,		
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Hume Cook.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Petition read.

3. Mail Contract with Orient Company.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Chapman :—

That this House accepts the Agreement, made and entered into on the 25th day of April, 1905, between the Postmaster-General, in and for the Commonwealth, of the first part ; the Orient Steam Navigation Company Limited, of the second part ; and the Law Guarantee and Trust Society, of the third part, for the carriage of mails between Naples and Adelaide, and other ports—

And upon the following amendment proposed thereto by Mr. R. Edwards:—

That all the words after the word "That," up to and inclusive of the word "Adelaide," in the last line, be omitted, and that the following words be inserted in place thereof :—

"in the opinion of this House the contract entered into with the Orient Company for Mail Service between Australia and Great Britain should be referred back to the Government for further consideration, with the object of including Brisbane as a port of call"—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 41.		Noes, 6.	
Mr. Brown,	Mr. McCay,	Mr. Bamford,	
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Culpin,	*Tellers.*
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Poynton,	Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Ronald,	Mr. Lonsdale.	Mr. Wilkinson.
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Salmon,		
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Skene,		
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Bruce Smith,		
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Sydney Smith,		
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Storrer,		
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Thomas,		
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. David Thomson,		
Sir Philip Fysh,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,		
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Tudor,		
Mr. Harper,	Mr. Watson,		
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Webster,		
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Wilks,		
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Wilson.		
Mr. Kelly,			
Mr. Knox,	*Tellers.*		
Sir William Lyne,			
Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Hume Cook,		
Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Robinson.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And an amendment to omit the last words of the motion " and other ports " having been negatived—

Mr. McDonald moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the motion, viz. :—" and is of opinion that a sum equivalent to Three shillings and eightpence per mile per voyage between Sydney and Brisbane and Brisbane and Sydney, should be paid to the State of Queensland towards the cost incurred by that State in connexion with the calling of the mail steamers at Brisbane."

Debate continued.

Mr. Storrer moved, as an amendment on the proposed amendment, That the following words be added thereto :—" and that an allowance of a similar rate should be paid to Tasmania for European mails between Melbourne and Tasmania and Tasmania and Melbourne."

Debate continued.

Proposed amendment on amendment and amendment both, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Groom moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the motion :—" but is of the opinion that, without varying the original contract with the Commonwealth Government, arrangements should be made by which, during the continuance of its present contract with the Queensland Government, the Company, in consideration of the payment of a sum of Three shillings and eightpence per mile by the Commonwealth, shall agree to carry postal matter between the ports of Sydney and Brisbane, and shall reduce the payment to be made by the Queensland Government by a corresponding amount, and also that arrangements should be made for making similar provision in the case of Tasmania."

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 35.		Noes, 5.	
Sir Langdon Bonython,	Mr. Lee,	Mr. Kelly,	*Tellers.*
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Liddell,	Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Poynton.	Mr. Wilks.
Mr. Chanter,	Sir William Lyne,		
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. McWilliams,		
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Page,		
Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Ronald,		
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Salmon,		
Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Sydney Smith,		
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Storrer,		
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. David Thomson,		
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Watkins,		
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Watson,		
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Wilkinson,		
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Wilson.		
Mr. Hutchison,	*Tellers.*		
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Hume Cook,		
Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. McDonald.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That this House accepts the Agreement, made and entered into on the 25th day of April, 1905, between the Postmaster-General, in and for the Commonwealth, of the first part ; the Orient Steam Navigation Company Limited, of the second part ; and the Law Guarantee and Trust Society, of the third part, for the carriage of mails between Naples and Adelaide, and other ports, but is of the opinion that, without varying the original contract with the Commonwealth Government, arrangements should be made by which, during the continuance of its present contract with the Queensland Government, the Company, in consideration of the payment of a sum of Three shillings and eightpence per mile by the Commonwealth, shall agree to carry postal matter between the ports of Sydney and Brisbane, and shall reduce the payment to be made by the Queensland Government by a corresponding amount, and also that arrangements should be made for making similar provision in the case of Tasmania—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 28.		Noes, 11.	
Sir Langdon Bonython,	Sir William Lyne,	Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. David Thomson,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Wilkinson.
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. McWilliams,	Mr. R. Edwards,	
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Page,	Mr. Kennedy,	*Tellers.*
Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. McDonald,	
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Storrer,	Mr. Poynton,	Mr. Frazer,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Tudor.
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Watson,		
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Webster,		
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Wilks,		
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Wilson.		
Mr. Hutchison,	*Tellers.*		
Mr. Isaacs,			
Mr. Liddell,	Mr. Hume Cook,		
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Kelly.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after midnight—

THURSDAY, 12TH OCTOBER, 1905.

Debate continued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at six minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Kingston, Mr. McColl, Mr. McLean, Mr. Phillips, Sir John Quick*, Mr. Reid, Sir George Turner, and Mr. Willis.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 12TH OCTOBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPER.—Sir William Lyne presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

   Excise Act 1901—Regulations (to come into operation on the 1st day of November, 1905)—Statutory Rules 1905, No. 65.

3. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Ordered—That the consideration of Notice of Motion, General Business, No. 1, be postponed until Thursday next.

4. CANTEEN BILL.—Mr. Mauger moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Military Canteens.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

   Mr. Mauger then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Military Canteens*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

   Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 26th instant.

5. PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONER'S DEPARTMENT—COST OF.—Mr. Hutchison moved, pursuant to notice, That a Return be laid upon the Table of the House showing the total cost of the Public Service Commissioner's Department, including rents, furnishing, cost of classification of the service, printing, and any other expenditure in connexion with the said Department from its inception up to 30th September, 1905.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 1 to 3 inclusive, be postponed as follows, viz. :—Order of the Day No. 1, until Thursday, 26th instant ; Order of the Day No. 2, until Thursday, 30th November next ; and Order of the Day No. 3, until after consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 4.

7. HOME RULE FOR IRELAND.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Higgins :—

   That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty as follows :—

   MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY :

   We, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Members of the House of Representatives, in Parliament assembled, desire most earnestly in our name and on behalf of the people whom we represent, to express our unswerving loyalty and devotion to Your Majesty's person and Government.

   We have observed with feelings of profound satisfaction the evidence afforded by recent legislation and recent debates in the Houses of Parliament of the United Kingdom, of a sincere desire now to deal justly with Ireland ; and in particular we congratulate the people of the United Kingdom on the remarkable Act directed towards the settlement of the land question, and on the concession to the people of Ireland of a measure of Local Government for municipal purposes. But the sad history of Ireland since the Act of Union shows that no British Parliament can understand or effectively deal with the economic and social conditions of Ireland.

Enjoying and appreciating as we do the blessings of Home Rule here, we would humbly express the hope that a just measure of Home Rule may be granted to the people of Ireland. They ask for it through their representatives—never has request more clear, consistent, and continuous been made by any nation. As subjects of Your Majesty we are interested in the peace and contentment of all parts of the Empire, and we desire to see this long-standing grievance at the very heart of the Empire removed. It is our desire for the solidarity and permanence of the Empire, as a Power making for peace and civilization, that must be our excuse for submitting to Your Majesty this respectful petition—

And on the amendment proposed thereto by Mr. Reid, viz. :—

That all the words after the first word "That" be omitted, and that the following words be inserted in place thereof :—

"whilst in full sympathy with every movement calculated to advance the best interests of Ireland, this House declines to petition His Majesty either in favour of or against a change in the parliamentary system which at present prevails in the United Kingdom—

(1) because this House does not consider such matters within its legitimate province ;
(2) because they will shortly become issues in an appeal to the electors of Great Britain and Ireland, in which this House has no right to interfere ; and
(3) because this House confidently relies upon the fairness and wisdom of the British people for the removal of every just Irish grievance in the manner most likely to promote the welfare of the Irish people and the stability of the Empire "—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Robinson, addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday next.

8. Postponement of Orders of the Day.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 3 and 5, be postponed until Thursday next.

9. Secret Commissions Bill.—The Order of the Day having been read for the third reading of this Bill—Mr. Isaacs moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clause 4 in regard to the following proposed amendments :—Sub-clause (1), paragraphs (*a*) and (*b*), after the word "agent," wherever it occurs, insert the words "of the principal" ; and clause 5, in regard to the following proposed amendment :—Omit the word "and" and insert the words "the receipt, account, or document."

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had reconsidered clauses 4 and 5, and had agreed to the amendments therein referred to it.

On the motion of Mr. Isaacs the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Bill to be passed through its remaining stages this day

On the motion of Mr. Isaacs, the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Isaacs moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

10. Supply.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

11. Adjournment.—Sir William Lyne moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at eight minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present except—Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Mr. McColl, Mr. McLean, Mr. Phillips, Sir John Quick*, Mr. Reid, Sir George Turner, and Mr. Willis.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 13TH OCTOBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. FOWLER).—Mr. Watson moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Perth (Mr. Fowler) on the ground of public business.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (SIR GEORGE TURNER).—Mr. Sydney Smith moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Balaclava (Sir George Turner).
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. CANADIAN-AUSTRALIAN MAIL CONTRACT.—Mr. Chapman moved, pursuant to notice, That the House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following motion :—

> That the House approves of an extension of the arrangements entered into on the 30th October, 1903, by the Commonwealth Government for the carriage of mails between Australia, Fiji, and Canada, by the steamers of the Canadian-Australian Royal Mail Line, upon the following terms :—
>
> (*a*) That the period of the contract be further extended from 1st May, 1905, to 31st July, 1906, with a proviso that if neither party gives not less than three months' notice of termination prior to the latter date, the contract shall continue until the 31st July, 1907.
>
> (*b*) That the amount of subsidy payable by the Commonwealth be at the annual rate of £23,863 12s. 3d. for the period from 1st May to 31st July, 1905, and at the annual rate of £26,626 16s. from the 1st August, 1905, the difference between the two amounts being the Commonwealth proportion of a total increase of £6,000 per annum.

Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. AMENDMENTS INCORPORATION BILL.—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice (given by Mr. Isaacs), That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to incorporate Amendments in amended Acts.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Deakin then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to incorporate Amendments in amended Acts*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PARLIAMENTARY WITNESSES BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 12.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act relating to Parliamentary Witnesses*," and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 13th October, 1905.

7. PARLIAMENTARY WITNESSES BILL.—Mr. Fuller moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Parliamentary Witnesses*," be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

8. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker took the Chair; Mr. Wilks reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—COUNT OUT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Tudor called the attention of Mr. Deputy-Speaker to the fact that a quorum of Members was not present.

The bells having been rung, and a quorum not having been obtained within the prescribed time, the Deputy-Speaker thereupon at nineteen minutes to five o'clock p.m. adjourned the House until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Batchelor, Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Fowler*, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Harper, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Mr. McColl, Mr. McLean, Mr. Phillips, Sir John Quick*, Mr. Reid, Mr. Skene, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Sir George Turner*, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Willis.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 17TH OCTOBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PETITIONS.—A Petition, praying that the House will speedily pass legislation to prohibit the sale and consumption of alcoholic liquors in military camps, canteens, and army transports, was presented as under—

By Mr. McWilliams—

From Jessie S. Rooke, styling herself State president, and other officers, of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Tasmania.

Mr. Deakin presented a Petition from certain residents, adults of European descent, and potential electors of the Territory of Papua, praying that in the Papua Constitution Bill there be embodied provision for the exercise by the people, without class or divisional embargo, of the principles and privileges of—(I.) Elective Representation on the Papuan Council; and (II.) Trial by Jury.

Petitions severally received.

Mr. Glynn presented a Petition from the South Australian Chamber of Manufactures (Incorporated), under their common seal, praying that the House will strike out Part VII. of the Trade Marks Bill.

Petition received and read.

3. PAPERS.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Preferential Trade with Canada.—Copy of Despatch from the Governor-General of Canada, covering Copy of a Minute of the Privy Council of Canada regarding the establishment of Preferential Trade Relations between the Dominion and the Commonwealth.

Preferential Trade with South Africa.—Copy of Telegrams between the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth and the Premier, Cape Colony.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

4. QUEEN VICTORIA MEMORIAL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Deakin :—

(1) That, in the opinion of this House, the Commonwealth of Australia should join with Great Britain, Canada, New Zealand, the Cape Colony, Natal, Newfoundland, and other parts of the Empire, in the erection of a Memorial in honour of the personal worth and beneficent reign of the late Queen Victoria.

(2) That this House is prepared to approve of a grant of £25,000 for that purpose.

(3) That the foregoing resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor-General—

Mr. McDonald moved, as an amendment, That in paragraph (1) the words "the erection of a Memorial in honour" be omitted, and that the words "testifying their sense" be inserted in place thereof.

Debate continued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Thomas moved, as an amendment, That in paragraph (2) all the words after the first word "That" be omitted, and that the following words be inserted in place thereof :—"a fund be raised for the purpose, by private subscription."

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 27.		Noes, 16.	
Sir Langdon Bonython,	Mr. Liddell,	Mr. Brown,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. Chapman,	Sir William Lyne,	Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. McCay,	Mr. Fisher,	Mr. David Thomson,
Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Mr. McWilliams,	Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Wilkinson.
Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Page,	Mr. Hutchison,	
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Salmon,	Mr. Mahon,	*Tellers.*
Mr. Gibb,	Mr. Storrer,	Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Frazer,
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Wilks,	Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Tudor.
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Willis,		
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Wilson.		
Mr. Kennedy,	*Tellers.*		
Mr. Knox,	Mr. Hume Cook,		
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Glynn.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—

(1) That, in the opinion of this House, the Commonwealth of Australia should join with Great Britain, Canada, New Zealand, the Cape Colony, Natal, Newfoundland, and other parts of the Empire, in the erection of a Memorial in honour of the personal worth and beneficent reign of the late Queen Victoria.

(2) That this House is prepared to approve of a grant of £25,000 for that purpose.

(3) That the foregoing resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor-General

—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 30.		Noes, 14.	
Sir Langdon Bonython,	Mr. Liddell,	Mr. Brown,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Fisher,	Mr. David Thomson,
Mr. Chapman,	Sir William Lyne,	Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Tudor,
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Wilkinson.
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. McCay,	Mr. Mahon,	
Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Mr. McWilliams,	Mr. Maloney,	*Tellers.*
Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Page,	Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Carpenter,
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Salmon,	Mr. Ronald,	Mr. Thomas.
Mr. Gibb,	Mr. Storrer,		
Mr. Glynn,	Mr. Wilks,		
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Willis,		
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Wilson.		
Mr. Isaacs,	*Tellers.*		
Mr. Kennedy,			
Mr. Knox,	Mr. Hume Cook,		
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Kelly.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

5. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. PAPER.—Mr. Chapman presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Canadian-Australian Mail Contract—Copy of Draft Agreement between the Postmaster-General of the Commonwealth and the Union Steamship Company of New Zealand, Limited.

Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at seventeen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Fowler*, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kingston, Mr. McColl, Mr. McLean, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Poynton, Sir John Quick*, Mr. Reid, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Sir George Turner*, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Webster.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH OCTOBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. CANADIAN-AUSTRALIAN MAIL CONTRACT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the following motion of Mr. Chapman :—

> That the House approves of an extension of the arrangements entered into on the 30th October, 1903, by the Commonwealth Government for the carriage of mails between Australia, Fiji, and Canada, by the steamers of the Canadian-Australian Royal Mail Line, upon the following terms :—
>
> (*a*) That the period of the contract be further extended from 1st May, 1905, to 31st July, 1906, with a proviso that if neither party gives not less than three months' notice of termination prior to the latter date, the contract shall continue until the 31st July, 1907.
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> (*b*) That the amount of subsidy payable by the Commonwealth be at the annual rate of £23,863 12s. 3d. for the period from 1st May to 31st July, 1905, and at the annual rate of £26,626 16s. from the 1st August, 1905, the difference between the two amounts being the Commonwealth proportion of a total increase of £6,000 per annum—

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Batchelor reported that the Committee had considered the motion, and had agreed to the same.
On the motion of Mr. Chapman, the House adopted the Report.

3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business No. 2, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business No. 3.

4. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Batchelor reported that a quorum of Members was not present in the Committee ; whereupon Mr. Speaker counted the House, and a quorum of Members having been obtained, the House again resolved itself into the Committee.
Mr. Speaker again resumed the Chair ; Mr. Batchelor reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. Message from His Excellency the Governor-General.—Assent to Bill.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,

Governor-General. *Message No.* 15.

A Bill intituled "*An Act relating to Wireless Telegraphy*," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
Melbourne, 18th October, 1905.

6. Adjournment.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at eight minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present except—Mr. Conroy, Mr. Fowler*, Mr. Harper, Mr. Kingston, Mr. McColl, Mr. McLean, Mr. Phillips, Sir John Quick*, Mr. Reid, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Skene, and Sir George Turner*.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 19TH OCTOBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 1 be postponed until Thursday, 9th November next.

3. OPIUM.—RESTRICTION ON IMPORTATION.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Johnson :—That, in the opinion of this House, the importation of opium for other than medical purposes should be prohibited—
Question—That the motion be agreed to—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 3 and 4, be postponed until Thursday, 2nd November next.

5. HOME RULE FOR IRELAND.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Higgins :—

That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty as follows :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY :

We, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Members of the House of Representatives, in Parliament assembled, desire most earnestly in our name and on behalf of the people whom we represent, to express our unswerving loyalty and devotion to Your Majesty's person and Government.

We have observed with feelings of profound satisfaction the evidence afforded by recent legislation and recent debates in the Houses of Parliament of the United Kingdom of a sincere desire now to deal justly with Ireland ; and in particular we congratulate the people of the United Kingdom on the remarkable Act directed towards the settlement of the land question, and on the concession to the people of Ireland of a measure of Local Government for municipal purposes. But the sad history of Ireland since the Act of Union shows that no British Parliament can understand or effectively deal with the economic and social conditions of Ireland.

Enjoying and appreciating as we do the blessings of Home Rule here, we would humbly express the hope that a just measure of Home Rule may be granted to the people of Ireland. They ask for it through their representatives—never has request more clear, consistent, and continuous been made by any nation. As subjects of Your Majesty we are interested in the peace and contentment of all parts of the Empire, and we desire to see this long-standing grievance at the very heart of the Empire removed. It is our desire for the solidarity and permanence of the Empire, as a Power making for peace and civilization, that must be our excuse for submitting to Your Majesty this respectful Petition—

And on the amendment proposed thereto by Mr. Reid, viz. :—

That all the words after the first word " That " be omitted, and that the following words be inserted in place thereof :—

" whilst in full sympathy with every movement calculated to advance the best interests of Ireland, this House declines to petition His Majesty either in favour of or against a change in the parliamentary system which at present prevails in the United Kingdom—

(1) because this House does not consider such matters within its legitimate province ;
(2) because they will shortly become issues in an appeal to the electors of Great Britain and Ireland, in which this House has no right to interfere ; and
(3) because this House confidently relies upon the fairness and wisdom of the British people for the removal of every just Irish grievance in the manner most likely to promote the welfare of the Irish people and the stability of the Empire "—

Debate resumed.

And a request having been made that the amendment be divided—

Question—That the amendment (in so far as it relates to the proposed omission of words) be divided—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Bamford,	Sir William Lyne,
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. Mahon,
Sir Langdon Bonython,	Mr. Maloney,
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Mauger,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. O'Malley,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Poynton,
Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Storrer,
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. David Thomson,
Mr. Glynn,	Mr. Tudor,
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Webster,
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Wilkinson.
Mr. Hutchison,	*Tellers.*
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Hume Cook,
Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. McDonald.

Noes, 18.

Mr. Cameron,	Mr. McCay,
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Skene,
Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Sir Philip Fysh,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Gibb,	Mr. Willis.
Mr. Knox,	
Mr. Lee,	*Tellers.*
Mr. Liddell,	Mr. Johnson,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Kelly.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That all the words in the motion after the first word " That " to the end of paragraph 1 of the Address, proposed by Mr. Reid to be omitted, stand part of the question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Further question—That the words " We have observed with feelings of profound satisfaction the evidence afforded by recent legislation and recent debates in the Houses of Parliament of the United Kingdom of a sincere desire " in paragraph 2, proposed by Mr. Reid to be omitted, stand part of the question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 4.

Mr. Cameron,	*Tellers.*
Sir Philip Fysh.	Mr. G. B. Edwards,
	Mr. Wilks.

Noes, 49.

Mr. Bamford,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Sir Langdon Bonython,	Sir William Lyne,
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Mahon,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Maloney,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Mauger,
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. McCay,
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Culpin,	Mr. O'Malley,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Poynton,
Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Skene,
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. Gibb,	Mr. Storrer,
Mr. Glynn,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Groom,	Mr. David Thomson,
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Webster,
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Johnson,	Mr. Willis.
Mr. Kelly,	*Tellers.*
Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Hume Cook,
Mr. Knox,	Mr. Tudor.

And so it passed in the negative.

And the remainder of paragraph 2 having been omitted—

Further question—That paragraph 3, proposed by Mr. Reid to be omitted, stand part of the question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 33.		Noes, 21.	
Mr. Bamford,	Mr. McDonald,	Sir Langdon Bonython,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. O'Malley,	Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Liddell,
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Poynton,	Mr. Hume Cook,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Ronald,	Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Mauger,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Spence,	Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Mr. McCay,
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Storrer,	Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Skene,
Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. David Thomson,	Sir Philip Fysh,	Mr. Dugald Thomson.
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Tudor,	Mr. Gibb,	
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Watson,	Mr. Kelly,	*Tellers.*
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Webster,	Mr. Knox,	Mr. Johnson,
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Wilkinson,		Mr. Wilks.
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Willis.		
Mr. Isaacs,			
Mr. Kennedy,			
Sir William Lyne,	*Tellers.*		
Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Frazer,		
Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Glynn.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion, as so amended, be agreed to as follows :—

That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty as follows :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY :

We, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Members of the House of Representatives, in Parliament assembled, desire most earnestly in our name and on behalf of the people whom we represent, to express our unswerving loyalty and devotion to Your Majesty's person and Government.

Enjoying and appreciating as we do the blessings of Home Rule here, we would humbly express the hope that a just measure of Home Rule may be granted to the people of Ireland. They ask for it through their representatives—never has request more clear, consistent, and continuous been made by any nation. As subjects of Your Majesty we are interested in the peace and contentment of all parts of the Empire, and we desire to see this long-standing grievance at the very heart of the Empire removed. It is our desire for the solidarity and permanence of the Empire, as a Power making for peace and civilization, that must be our excuse for submitting to Your Majesty this respectful petition—

—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 33.		Noes, 21.	
Mr. Bamford,	Mr. Maloney,	Sir Langdon Bonython,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Liddell,
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. O'Malley,	Mr. Hume Cook,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Poynton,	Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Mauger,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Spence,	Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Mr. McCay,
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Storrer,	Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Skene,
Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. David Thomson,	Sir Philip Fysh,	Mr. Dugald Thomson.
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Tudor,	Mr. Gibb,	
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Watson,	Mr. Kelly,	*Tellers.*
Mr. Glynn,	Mr. Webster,	Mr. Knox,	Mr. Johnson,
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Wilkinson,		Mr. Wilks.
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Willis.		
Mr. Hughes,			
Mr. Isaacs,			
Mr. Kennedy,	*Tellers.*		
Sir William Lyne,	Mr. Hutchison,		
Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Ronald.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 6 be postponed until Thursday, 16th November next.

7. STATES' DEBTS.—SELECT COMMITTEE.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Knox :—

(1) That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report what is the best mode of dealing with the States' debts in the interests of the taxpayers of the Commonwealth, and what (if any) constitutional changes are necessary to give effect to its recommendations.

(2) That such Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records, and have leave to report the minutes of evidence from time to time.

(3) That the Committee consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Fisher, Sir John Forrest, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Harper, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Sir George Turner, Mr. Watson, and the Mover. Five Members to be a quorum—

Debate resumed.

It being two hours after the meeting of the House, Notices of Motion were called on.

8. Postponement of Business.—Ordered—That Notice of Motion, General Business, No. 1 be postponed until Thursday, 2nd November next; and that Notice of Motion No. 2 be postponed until Thursday, 9th November next.

9. States' Debts.—Select Committee.—Debate (interrupted at half-past four o'clock) resumed upon the following motion of Mr. Knox :—

(1) That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report what is the best mode of dealing with the States' debts in the interests of the taxpayers of the Commonwealth, and what (if any) constitutional changes are necessary to give effect to its recommendations.

(2) That such Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records, and have leave to report the minutes of evidence from time to time.

(3) That the Committee consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Fisher, Sir John Forrest, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Harper, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Sir George Turner, Mr. Watson, and the Mover. Five Members to be a quorum.

Debate continued.

Mr. Dugald Thomson moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday next.

10. Postponement of Order of the Day.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 8 be postponed until to-morrow.

11. Supply.—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—

Question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Batchelor reported that a quorum of Members was not present in the Committee; whereupon Mr. Speaker counted the House, and a quorum of Members having been obtained, the House again resolved itself into the Committee.

Mr. Speaker again resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that a quorum of Members was not present in the Committee; whereupon Mr. Speaker counted the House, and a quorum of Members having been obtained, the House again resolved itself into the Committee.

Mr. Speaker again resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that a quorum of Members was not present in the Committee; whereupon Mr. Speaker counted the House, and a quorum of Members having been obtained, the House again resolved itself into the Committee.

Mr. Speaker again resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that a quorum of Members was not present in the Committee; whereupon Mr. Speaker counted the House, and a quorum of Members having been obtained, the House again resolved itself into the Committee.

Mr. Speaker again resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that a quorum of Members was not present in the Committee; whereupon Mr. Speaker counted the House, and a quorum of Members having been obtained, the House again resolved itself into the Committee.

Mr. Speaker again resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

12. Adjournment—Count Out.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after midnight—

FRIDAY, 20th OCTOBER, 1905.

Debate continued.

Mr. Bamford called the attention of Mr. Speaker to the fact that a quorum of Members was not present.

The bells having been rung, and a quorum not having been obtained within the prescribed time, Mr. Speaker thereupon, at fourteen minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned the House until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Conroy, Mr. Fowler*, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Harper, Mr. Kingston, Mr. McColl, Mr. McLean, Sir John Quick*, Mr. Reid, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Bruce Smith, Sir George Turner*, and Mr. Wilson.

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OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 20TH OCTOBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

3. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at three minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Conroy, Mr. Culpin, Mr. Fowler*, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Harper, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Mr. McColl, Mr. McLean, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Bruce Smith, Sir George Turner*, and Mr. Wilson.

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No. 56.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 24TH OCTOBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPERS.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Federal Capital Site—Correspondence *re* (2nd to 20th October, 1905).

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

Military Canteens—Particulars as to Receipts, &c.—Return to an Order of the House dated 31st August, 1905.

Public Service Commissioner's Department—Cost of.—Return to an Order of the House dated 12th October, 1905.

3. PAPUA (BRITISH NEW GUINEA) BILL—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day, made on 2nd August, 1905, having been read for the further consideration in Committee of the whole House of the amendments made by the Senate in this Bill, progress on which was reported on the 15th December of the previous Session—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight—

WEDNESDAY, 25TH OCTOBER, 1905.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had dealt with the amendments, as follows :—

AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE TO WHICH THE COMMITTEE HAS AGREED.

No. 2. Page 7, leave out clauses 22 and 23.

AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE TO WHICH THE COMMITTEE HAS AGREED WITH AN AMENDMENT.

No. 1. Pages 6 and 7, clause 21, leave out clause 21, insert the following new clause in lieu thereof :—

Intoxicants may be purchased imported into manufactured and sold in the Territory only by the Lieutenant-Governor or by officers duly appointed in that behalf and under regulations and conditions to be prescribed by the Lieutenant-Governor relating to the purchase importation manufacture and sale thereof. Intoxicants.

No person other than as provided in the immediately preceding paragraph shall import into manufacture or sell in the Territory any intoxicants. Penalty.

Penalty : One hundred pounds.

Intoxicants for the purposes of this section shall mean any wine spirits ale beer porter cider perry or other spirituous or fermented liquor of an intoxicating nature. Definition.

Amendment to leave out clause 21 agreed to, but the proposed new clause disagreed to, and the following clause agreed to in place thereof, viz. :—

Regulation of sale of intoxicating liquor in the Territory.

21.—(1.) After the commencement of this Act, licences shall not be granted in the Territory in excess of the number of licences in existence at the commencement of this Act.

(2.) The number of licences in the Territory may be reduced or licences may be abolished in the Territory in accordance with this section.

(3.) A poll may be taken in the whole Territory or in any Division thereof, once in each year, for the purpose of obtaining the vote of the people on the question whether the number of licences for the sale of intoxicating liquors shall be reduced by any and what number.

(4.) Subject to sub-section (3), a poll under this section shall be taken in the Territory or a Division thereof when requested by petition to the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by one-fourth of the people in the Territory or Division. Provided that the first poll under this section shall be taken at a period not later than nine months from the proclamation of this Act.

(5.) The adult white people shall for the purposes of this section be deemed to be the people of the Territory or Division, as the case requires.

(6.) The times and manner of taking a poll and the manner of giving effect to the decision arrived at by the poll taken shall be as directed by Ordinance.

Prohibition against supply of intoxicating liquor to natives.

(7.) No person shall supply to any native by sale gift or in any other way either directly or indirectly any intoxicating liquor and any person offending against the provisions of this sub-section shall be liable on conviction in a summary manner to a fine of not less than Twenty pounds and not exceeding Two hundred pounds and to imprisonment for any term not less than one month and not exceeding two years.

Provided that it shall not be an offence under this sub-section for any person, for any urgent cause or necessity (the burden of proof whereof shall rest upon him) to administer intoxicating liquor to a native for purely medical purposes and without recompense or remuneration.

Intoxicating liquor in possession of natives.

(8.) It shall not be lawful for any native to have in his possession any intoxicating liquor, in any Division in which licences have been abolished or (except for the sole purpose of carriage the burden of proof whereof for the purpose only of confiscation shall rest upon the owner of the liquor) in any Division in which a licence exists. If this sub-section is contravened the liquor may be seized by any officer exercising judicial functions, who shall in a summary manner direct that it be confiscated, and that it be disposed of according to his discretion, and the native shall be liable on conviction in a summary manner to imprisonment for any term not exceeding three months.

(9.) In this section—

(*a*) "licence" means a licence for the sale of intoxicating liquor;

(*b*) "intoxicating liquor" means any spirituous or fermented liquor of an intoxicating nature used or intended to be used as a beverage;

(*c*) "native" means any person in the Territory not of European descent.

Mr. Deakin moved, That the Report be now adopted.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 29.		Noes, 8.	
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Brown,	Mr. Wilks.
Sir Langdon Bonython,	Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Joseph Cook,	
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. McCay,	Mr. Fuller,	*Tellers.*
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Poynton,	Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Conroy,	Mr. Ronald,	Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Salmon,		
Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Mr. David Thomson,		
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Watkins,		
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Webster,		
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Wilkinson,		
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Wilson.		
Mr. Isaacs,			
Mr. Kelly,			
Mr. Lee,	*Tellers.*		
Sir William Lyne,	Mr. Hume Cook,		
Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Tudor.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-eight minutes past three o'clock a.m., adjourned until this day at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Culpin, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Harper, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Liddell, Mr. McColl, Mr. McLean, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Spence, Sir George Turner*, and Mr. Watson.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH OCTOBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 16.

In accordance with section 58 of the *Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia*, the Governor-General returns to the House of Representatives a proposed law intituled "*An Act relating to Assurance on the Lives of Children by Life Assurance Companies or Societies*," which has been presented to him for the King's Assent, and transmits, herewith, the following amendments which he recommends to be made in the said proposed law.

Government House,
Melbourne, 25th October, 1905.

Amendments Recommended.

Clause 1, page 1, line 7.—After the words " body of persons " insert the words " corporate or unincorporate ".

Clause 1, page 1, lines 7–8.—Omit the words " incorporated or regulated or enabled to sue and be sued by any charter or Act and ".

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith in Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

3. PAPERS.—Sir William Lyne presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Sugar Bonus.—Report by Dr. Maxwell.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Deakin presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Public Service Act 1902.—Amendment of Regulations Nos. 263, 264, 265, 266, and 267A.—Boards of Inquiry.—Statutory Rules 1905, No. 64.

4. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—COPYRIGHT BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 13.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act relating to Copyright*," and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 25th October, 1905.

6. COPYRIGHT BILL.—Mr. Isaacs moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Copyright*," be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Isaacs moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House at thirty-three minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Culpin, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Groom, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Liddell, Mr. McColl, Mr. McLean, Sir John Quick, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Spence, Mr. Storrer, Mr. Dugald Thomson, and Sir George Turner*.

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No. 58.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 26TH OCTOBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPER.—Sir John Forrest presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Audit Act 1901—Transfers of Amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council—Financial Year 1904–5 (dated 21st October, 1905).

3. TELEGRAPH SERVICE, AUSTRALIA AND ENGLAND, *viâ* CANADA—STATE PURCHASE OF.—Mr. Thomas moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the Federal Government should approach the Imperial and the Canadian Governments with the view of purchasing, on behalf of the three Governments, the telegraphic land line of Canada and an Atlantic cable, so that the whole length of line from Australia to England be State owned.

Debate ensued.

Mr. O'Malley moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 9th November next.

4. TELEPHONE LINE BETWEEN MELBOURNE AND SYDNEY—ESTIMATE OF COST AND REVENUE.—Mr. Page moved, pursuant to notice, That an estimate, in detail, of the cost of erecting and working the proposed trunk telephone line from Melbourne to Sydney, with appliances, be laid upon the Table of this House; such estimate to show the sum to be set aside annually for depreciation and renewals, and the loss likely to ensue through a diminution in telegraphic and postal receipts, together with full particulars as to the anticipated revenue, and the figures on which such estimated revenue is based.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES OF MOTION.—Ordered—That Notice of Motion, General Business, No. 3 be postponed until Thursday next; and that Notice of Motion, No. 4 be postponed until Thursday, 9th November next.

6. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—COMMONWEALTH PRINTING—SELECT COMMITTEE.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on this question was, on the motion of Mr. Hume Cook (for Mr. Mahon), read and discharged.

7. DEFENCE REGULATIONS—SELECT COMMITTEE.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Crouch:—That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the advisability of amending the Regulations issued under the Defence Acts; the Committee to consist of Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Maloney, Mr. Mauger, Mr. Page, Mr. Wilks, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit at any time, *and on the amendment proposed thereto by Mr. Hutchison*, viz.:—That the name of Mr. Wilks be omitted from the proposed Committee, and that the name of Mr. Lee be inserted in place thereof—

The proposed amendment was, by leave, temporarily withdrawn.

Mr. Johnson moved, as an amendment, That after the first word "That" the following words be inserted :—"in the opinion of this House the Government should furnish a comprehensive report to Parliament dealing with—

(1) Coastal and Harbor Defence.
(2) Land Forces.
(3) Citizen Soldiery.
(4) Cadet System, including Senior Cadets.
(5) Regulations.
(6) The various charges made by the honorable Member for Corio in his speech of 14th September, 1905."

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put and negatived.

The amendment to omit the name of Mr. Wilks and insert the name of Mr. Lee in place thereof was again moved, and agreed to.

Debate continued.

Mr. Speaker being about to put the motion, and more than six Members having risen and required that the Committee be appointed by Ballot—

The motion was divided.

Question—That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the advisability of amending the Regulations issued under the Defence Acts—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 10.		Noes, 24.	
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Ronald,	Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Tudor.	Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Maloney,		Mr. Chapman,	Mr. McCay,
Mr. McDonald,	*Tellers.*	Mr. Conroy,	Mr. Robinson,
Mr. O'Malley,	Mr. Brown,	Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Poynton,	Mr. Hutchison.	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Watson,
		Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Wilkinson,
		Mr. Gibb,	Mr. Wilks,
		Mr. Glynn,	Mr. Willis.
		Mr. Groom,	
		Mr. Harper,	*Tellers.*
		Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Hume Cook,
		Mr. Knox,	Mr. Kelly.

And so it passed in the negative.

8. Postponement of Order of the Day.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 3 be postponed until Thursday, 9th November next.

9. Naval Defence—The United Kingdom and the Commonwealth.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Kelly :—That whereas the command of the seas in time of war is essential to the security of the Empire's vast interests on, and beyond, the seas ; and whereas this command cannot be assured by separate squadrons acting independently on behalf of each section of the Empire ; and whereas the United Kingdom, which has hitherto borne practically unassisted the burden of Imperial naval defence, will sooner or later be unable to continue to make sufficient provision against the rapidly increasing naval armaments of foreign powers ; this House is of opinion—

(1) That all naval expenditure by the Commonwealth of Australia should be towards an Imperial Navy, on the efficiency and adequacy of which in time of war will depend her security from serious danger ; and

(2) That the Commonwealth of Australia's contribution to the Imperial Navy should be doubled—

And on the amendment proposed thereto by Mr. Carpenter, viz. :—

After the first word "That" insert the following words :—

"in the opinion of this House it is desirable to encourage and promote a national and self-reliant spirit among the Australian people ; to create and maintain a deeper interest in the development of our sea-power and in the naval defence of the Commonwealth.

That, while regarding the existing naval agreement with Great Britain as a recognition of present obligations to the Empire, it is essential that provision be made in the near future for an Australian Navy for defence purposes.

That an advisory report be obtained from the Naval Director showing the number and class of war-vessels necessary under existing circumstances, and the approximate cost of providing and maintaining the same"—

Mr. Hume Cook, addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 16th November next.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the remaining Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed as follows, viz . :—Order of the Day No. 5 until Thursday, 23rd November next ; Order of the Day No. 6 until Thursday next ; Order of the Day No. 7 until Thursday, 16th November next ; and Order of the Day No. 8 until to-morrow.

11. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

12. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House at six minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Culpin, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Liddell, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McColl, Mr. McLean, Sir John Quick, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Spence, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Sir George Turner*, and Mr. Wilson.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 27TH OCTOBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PETITION.—Mr. Brown presented a Petition from Thos. Temperley and Thos. M. Shakespeare, styling themselves president and secretary respectively, on behalf of the New South Wales Country Press Association, praying that in the Copyright Bill no copyright be established in the Commonwealth in connexion with cable or telegraphic items of news, adopting in this respect the law of Great Britain, where no such copyright is allowed, although a far greater expenditure is incurred by the leading London papers in procuring news from all parts of the world.

   Petition received and read.

3. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
   Resolved—That the House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.—On the motion of Mr. Deakin the Earl of Jersey, formerly Governor of New South Wales, and His Excellency Admiral Sir Frederick Bedford, G.C.B., Governor of Western Australia, were provided with seats on the floor of the House.

5. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
   Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. Culpin, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Liddell, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McColl, Mr. McLean, Sir John Quick, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Spence, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Sir George Turner*, and Mr. Wilson.

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No. 60.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 31st OCTOBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. Papers.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

British New Guinea.—Report by Mr. Atlee Hunt, Secretary, Department of External Affairs.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

Mr. Chapman presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Public Service Act 1902.—Promotion of Mr. W. D. H. Claxton to be Accountant, Postmaster-General's Department, Adelaide.—Recommendations, &c., and Approval.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

Royal Commissions and Select Committees—Cost of.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 29th August, 1905.

3. Supply.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. Life Assurance Companies Bill—Governor-General's Amendments.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration in Committee of the whole House of the amendments recommended by His Excellency the Governor-General in his Message No. 16 in this Bill, Mr. Speaker left the Chair ; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee

5. Paper.—Mr. Groom presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Public Service Act 1902.—Classification Scheme.—Report of the Public Service Commissioner on the several matters referred to in debates in Parliament.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

6. Adjournment.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at a quarter to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Frazer, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lonsdale, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McColl, Mr. McLean, Mr. Phillips, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Spence, Sir George Turner*, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Wilks, Mr. Willis, and Mr. Wilson.

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No. 61.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. RULING BY MR. SPEAKER—THE TARIFF.—In reply to a question by the honorable Member for Fremantle (Mr. Carpenter), Mr. Speaker said :—In the absence of any Bill, and of any specific amendment to be proposed in any Bill, I can only inform the honorable Member generally that to any Bill to amend the Tariff it would be in order to move amendments relating to other items than those originally included in the proposal, subject to the provisions of Standing Orders Nos. 170, 171, 176, and 247.

3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. KINGSTON).—Mr. Batchelor moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Adelaide (Mr. Kingston).
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight—

THURSDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER, 1905.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had agreed to certain resolutions.

Ordered—That the consideration of the Report be made an Order of the Day for this day.

Mr. Salmon also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twelve minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Fowler, Mr. Frazer, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kingston*, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McCay, Mr. McColl, Mr. Phillips, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Spence, Sir George Turner*, Mr. Wilks, and Mr. Willis.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PRINTING COMMITTEE—THIRD REPORT FROM.—Mr. Poynton, Acting Chairman, brought up the Third Report from the Printing Committee.

The Report was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have dealt with all the Papers and Petitions laid on the Table of the House since the last sitting of the Committee.

Your Committee find that the following Papers, presented to both Houses, have been printed by order of the Senate :—

Northern Territory—Report by the Governor of South Australia.
Pacific Cable Conference—Report.
Immigration and the "contract" provisions of the Immigration Restriction Act—Correspondence between the Premier of New South Wales and the Prime Minister.
Federal Capital Site—
Correspondence between the Prime Minister and the Premier of New South Wales *re* a Draft Bill to expedite settlement of.
Correspondence *re* (2nd to 20th October, 1905).

Your Committee recommend that the following Papers and Petition be printed :—

Papers—
Immigration—Correspondence in regard to communications between the Commonwealth and the Agents-General; and letter from Prime Minister to the Chairman of the Agents-General.
Standing Orders Committee—Standing Rules and Orders as further amended and recommended by.
Military Canteens—Particulars as to receipts, &c.
Public Service Commissioner's Department—Cost of.
Sugar Bonus—Report by Dr. Maxwell.
Royal Commissions and Select Committees—Cost of.

Petition—
From New South Wales Country Press Association *re* Copyright Bill.

A. POYNTON,
Acting Chairman

House of Representatives,
Committee Room, 2nd November, 1905.

Mr. Poynton moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

3. Penny Postage for Commonwealth.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Lee :—That, in the opinion of this House, the penny postage system should be extended to all parts of the Commonwealth—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Poynton moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

And, after debate—

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

Mr. Brown addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for this day, after the consideration of the Notices of Motion.

4. Postponement of Orders of the Day.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 2, 3, 4, and 6 be postponed as follows, viz. :—Order of the Day No. 2 until Thursday, 30th instant; Order of the Day No. 3 until Thursday next; Order of the Day No. 4 until after the consideration of the Notices of Motion this day; and Order of the Day No. 6 until to-morrow.

5. Discharge of Order of the Day.—Premiers' Conference, Hobart, 1905—Cost of.—The Order of the Day for the motion on this question was read and discharged.

6. Telegraphs and Telephones in Country Districts—Guarantees.—Mr. Mahon moved, pursuant to notice, That the practice of insisting on guarantees to cover any deficiency between the revenue and the cost of erecting, maintaining, and working telegraphs and telephones in country districts retards settlement and should be discontinued.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Sydney Smith moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 23rd instant.

7. Penny Postage for Commonwealth.—Debate (adjourned at half-past four o'clock) resumed upon the following motion of Mr. Lee :—That, in the opinion of this House, the penny postage system should be extended to all parts of the Commonwealth.

Mr. Knox moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 23rd instant.

8. Ministry : Proposed Election by Parliament.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Fowler :—That the present methods of constituting Ministerial Cabinets, together with the powers exercised by these bodies, amount in many respects to the usurpation of the rights and duties of Parliament as a whole, tend to foment unnecessary party strife, impede the work of legislation, and precipitate artificial crises; and therefore, in the opinion of this House, such legislation as may be necessary should be introduced to provide for the election of Ministers by Parliament—

Debate resumed.

Mr. G. B. Edwards moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "therefore," in the second last line, be omitted, and that in place thereof the following words be inserted :—"this House asserts its right to determine which of its Members shall be recommended, by Address to the Crown, for appointment to administer particular Departments, and to represent the House in the Executive Council of the Commonwealth."

Debate continued.

Mr. Skene addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 23rd instant.

9. Message from the Senate.—Electoral Bill (1905).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

Mr. Speaker, *Message No.* 14.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Parliamentary Elections*," and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 2nd November, 1905.

10. Electoral Bill (1905).—Mr. Deakin moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the Law relating to Parliamentary Elections*," be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

11. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had agreed to certain resolutions.
Ordered—That the consideration of the Report be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
Mr. Salmon also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

12. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—REPRESENTATION BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 15.
The Senate has agreed to the Bill returned herewith intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to the Representation of the several States in the House of Representatives*," with the amendments indicated in the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Senate desires the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 2nd November, 1905.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

13. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 and 3 be postponed until to-morrow.

14. LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES BILL—GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration in Committee of the whole House of the amendments recommended in this Bill by His Excellency the Governor-General in his Message No. 16, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had dealt with the amendments, as follows :—

Amendment No. 1—
Clause 1, page 1, line 7, after the words "body of persons" insert the words "corporate or unincorporate".
Amendment agreed to with the following amendments :—Add to the words "corporate or unincorporate" the following words :—"associated together with the object either solely or amongst others of carrying on and in fact lawfully under the laws of the State carrying on the business of granting policies upon lives or entering into contracts for future endowments by way of annuity or otherwise", and then insert the words as so amended after the word "society)" in line 7, instead of after the words "body of persons".

Amendment No. 2—
Clause 1, page 1, lines 7-8, omit the words "incorporated or regulated or enabled to sue and be sued by any charter or Act and".
Amendment agreed to, and, as a consequential amendment on the amendments made, all the remaining words in lines 9 to 12 omitted.

On the motion of Mr. Groom, the House adopted the Report.

15. PAPER.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Federal Capital Site.—Further letter from the Premier of New South Wales to the Prime Minister (1st November, 1905).

Ordered to lie on the Table.

16. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at five minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Fowler, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kingston*, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McColl, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Spence, Sir George Turner*, Mr. Wilks, and Mr. Willis.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 3RD NOVEMBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Ordered, after debate, That the consideration of the Notice of Motion be postponed until after the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business.

3. SUPPLY RESOLUTIONS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply—the said resolutions were read, and are as follow :—

ESTIMATES, 1905–6.

Resolved—That, including the several sums already voted in this present Session of Parliament for such services, there be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1905–6 for the several services hereunder specified, sums not exceeding in each case the following amounts, viz. :—

I.	The Parliament	£30,176
II.	The Department of External Affairs	42,498
III.	The Attorney-General's Department	8,969
IV.	The Department of Home Affairs	173,351
V.	The Department of the Treasury	37,937
	Refunds of Revenue	80,000
	Advance to the Treasurer	200,000
VI.	The Department of Trade and Customs	269,620
VII.	The Department of Defence	589,981
VIII.	The Postmaster-General's Department	2,578,838

Sir John Forrest moved, That the resolutions be adopted.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Deakin moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for this day, after the consideration of the Notice of Motion.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the remaining Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until after the consideration of the Notice of Motion.

5. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next, at half-past two o'clock p.m., or such time thereafter as Mr. Speaker may take the Chair.
Debate ensued.
Question—put.
The House divided—

Ayes, 32.		Noes, 7.	
Mr. Bamford,	Mr. McLean,	Mr. Joseph Cook,	
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. O'Malley,	Mr. Fuller,	*Tellers.*
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Page,	Mr. Liddell,	
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Ronald,	Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Conroy,
Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Salmon,	Mr. Sydney Smith.	Mr. Kelly.
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Skene,		
Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Mr. Storrer,		
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. David Thomson,		
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Tudor,		
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Watkins,		
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Watson,		
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Webster,		
Mr. Knox,	Mr. Wilkinson.		
Mr. Lee,			
Mr. Mahon,	*Tellers.*		
Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Hume Cook,		
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Crouch.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

6. SUPPLY RESOLUTIONS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the consideration of the following resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply :—

ESTIMATES, 1905–6.

Resolved—That, including the several sums already voted in this present Session of Parliament for such services, there be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1905–6 for the several services hereunder specified, sums not exceeding in each case the following amounts, viz :—

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I. The Parliament	20,176
II. The Department of External Affairs	42,498
III. The Attorney-General's Department	8,969
IV. The Department of Home Affairs	173,351
V. The Department of the Treasury	37,937
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VI. The Department of Trade and Customs	269,620
VII. The Department of Defence	589,981
VIII. The Postmaster-General's Department	2,578,838

Debate resumed.
Question—That the resolutions be adopted—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.
On the motion, by leave, of Sir John Forrest, the House ordered the Report to be taken into consideration this day.
Mr. Salmon also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.—The resolution reported from the Committee of Ways and Means was read, and is as follows :—

ESTIMATES, 1905–6.

Resolved—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1905–6, a sum not exceeding Two million five hundred and sixty-nine thousand one hundred and fifty-one pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

And the said resolution was, on the motion of Sir John Forrest, adopted by the House.
Ordered—That Sir John Forrest and Mr. Deakin do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

9. APPROPRIATION BILL 1905–6.—Sir John Forrest then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and six and to appropriate the supplies granted for such year in this Session of the Parliament*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

10. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUGAR BOUNTY BILL (1905).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 17.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of The Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for a Bounty to Growers of Sugar Cane and Beet.

Government House,
Melbourne, 2nd November, 1905.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

11. PAPERS.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Federal Capital Site—Correspondence between the Prime Minister and the Premier of New South Wales (25th October to 3rd November, 1905).
Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Ewing presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
Defence Acts 1903–4—Military Forces.—Amendment of Financial and Allowance Regulations—Statutory Rules 1905, No. 69.

12. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-one minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Batchelor, Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston*, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McColl, Mr. Poynton, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Spence, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Sir George Turner*, Mr. Wilks, and Mr. Willis.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PAPUA (BRITISH NEW GUINEA) BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 16.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide for the acceptance of British New Guinea as a Territory under the authority of the Commonwealth, and for the Government thereof,*" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the amendment made by the House in amendment No. 1 of the Senate, with the amendment indicated in the annexed Schedule, in which amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

W. G. HIGGS,
Deputy-President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 3rd November, 1905.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for this day, after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 3.

3. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES OF MOTION.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Notices of Motion be postponed until to-morrow.

4. ELECTORAL BILL (1905).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—
Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered, after debate—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 2 be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 3.

6. AMENDMENTS INCORPORATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Isaacs moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same with an amendment.
On the motion of Mr. Isaacs the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Bill to be passed through its remaining stages this day.
On the motion of Mr. Isaacs the House adopted the Report.
Mr. Isaacs moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

7. COPYRIGHT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Conroy moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

8. PAPUA (BRITISH NEW GUINEA) BILL—SENATE'S MESSAGE No. 16.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Senate's Message No. 16 —Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had agreed to the amendment made by the Senate in the amendment of the House of Representatives :—

Amendment of the House of Representatives, viz.:—
To insert new clause 21, viz.:—

21.—(1.) After the commencement of this Act, licences shall not be granted in the Territory in excess of the number of licences in existence at the commencement of this Act. Regulation of sale of intoxicating liquor in the Territory.

(2.) The number of licences in the Territory may be reduced or licences may be abolished in the Territory in accordance with this section.

(3.) A poll may be taken in the whole Territory or in any Division thereof, once in each year, for the purpose of obtaining the vote of the people on the question whether the number of licences for the sale of intoxicating liquors shall be reduced by any and what number.

(4.) Subject to sub-section (3), a poll under this section shall be taken in the Territory or a Division thereof when requested by petition to the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by one-fourth of the people in the Territory or Division. Provided that the first poll under this section shall be taken at a period not later than nine months from the proclamation of this Act.

(5.) The adult white people shall for the purposes of this section be deemed to be the people of the Territory or Division, as the case requires.

(6.) The times and manner of taking a poll and the manner of giving effect to the decision arrived at by the poll taken shall be as directed by Ordinance.

(7.) No person shall supply to any native by sale gift or in any other way either directly or indirectly any intoxicating liquor and any person offending against the provisions of this sub-section shall be liable on conviction in a summary manner to a fine of not less than Twenty pounds and not exceeding Two hundred pounds and to imprisonment for any term not less than one month and not exceeding two years. Prohibition against supply of intoxicating liquor to natives.

Provided that it shall not be an offence under this sub-section for any person, for any urgent cause or necessity (the burden of proof whereof shall rest upon him) to administer intoxicating liquor to a native for purely medical purposes and without recompense or remuneration.

(8.) It shall not be lawful for any native to have in his possession any intoxicating liquor, in any Division in which licences have been abolished or (except for the sole purpose of carriage the burden of proof whereof for the purpose only of confiscation shall rest upon the owner of the liquor) in any Division in which a licence exists. If this sub-section is contravened the liquor may be seized by any officer exercising judicial functions, who shall in a summary manner direct that it be confiscated, and that it be disposed of according to his discretion, and the native shall be liable on conviction in a summary manner to imprisonment for any term not exceeding three months. Intoxicating liquor in possession of natives.

(9.) In this section—

(*a*) "licence" means a licence for the sale of intoxicating liquor;
(*b*) "intoxicating liquor" means any spirituous or fermented liquor of an intoxicating nature used or intended to be used as a beverage;
(*c*) "native" means any person in the Territory not of European descent.

Amendment to insert new clause 21 agreed to by the Senate, with the following amendment in the clause, viz. :—

At end of sub-clause (2) insert—

"but so that no compensation shall be payable in respect of the loss or abolition of any licence hereunder."

On the motion of Mr. Deakin the House adopted the Report.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, after debate—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 4 and 5 be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 7.

10. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.
Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.
Mr. Salmon also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

11. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION—EXCISE DUTY ON SUGAR.—The resolution reported from the Committee of Ways and Means was read and is as follows :—

Resolved—That in lieu of the Duty of Excise imposed by the *Excise Tariff* 1902, there shall, as from and including the first day of January One thousand nine hundred and seven, be imposed on sugar the following Duty of Excise :—

Sugar—per cwt. of manufactured sugar—Four shillings.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir William Lyne and Mr. Isaacs do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

12. EXCISE (SUGAR) TARIFF (1905) BILL.—Sir William Lyne then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the* '*Excise Tariff* 1902,' " and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

13. SUGAR BOUNTY BILL (1905).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 17 —

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.

Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.

And thereupon the said resolution was read, and is as follows :—

Resolved—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for a Bounty to Growers of Sugar-cane and Beet.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir William Lyne and Mr. Isaacs do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Sir William Lyne then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide for a Bounty to Growers of Sugar-cane and Beet*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

14. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 4 be postponed until to-morrow.

15. APPROPRIATION BILL 1905-6.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Joseph Cook addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

16. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirteen minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Bamford, Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Cameron, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Fowler, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Harper, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. Maloney, Mr. McColl, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Poynton, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Sir George Turner*, Mr. Willis, and Mr. Wilson.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. APPROPRIATION BILL 1905–6.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed—

3. DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.—On the motion of Mr. Deakin, His Excellency Sir Gerald Strickland, K.C.M.G., Governor of Tasmania, was provided with a seat on the floor of the House.

4. APPROPRIATION BILL 1905–6.—Debate (interrupted as above), on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time, resumed.
And, after debate—
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Mauger reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.
On the motion of Mr. Deakin the House adopted the Report.
Ordered—That the third reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CENSUS AND STATISTICS BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 17.

The Senate has agreed to the Bill returned herewith intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to the Census and Statistics of the Commonwealth,*" with the amendments indicated in the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Senate desires the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 8th November, 1905.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

6. PAPERS.—Mr. Isaacs presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904—
Provisional Regulations. Statutory Rules 1905, No. 70.
Court of Conciliation and Arbitration. Rules of Court. Statutory Rules 1905, No. 71.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 7 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

8. DISCHARGE OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The following Orders of the Day were, on the motion of Mr. Deakin, read and discharged :—
High Commissioner Bill—Consideration, in Committee of the Whole, of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 4.
High Commissioner Bill—Mr. Deakin : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Office of High Commissioner of the Commonwealth in the United Kingdom.
Supply—Further consideration in Committee.
Ways and Means—Further consideration in Committee.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-two minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. McColl, Mr. McWilliams, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Dugald Thomson, and Sir George Turner*.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPER.—Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
Public Service Act 1902—Regulation No. 155—Allowances in Postmaster-General's Department—Statutory Rules 1905, No. 68.

3. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered, after debate—That the Notice of Motion and Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 1 and 2 be postponed until Thursday, 23rd instant.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Sir John Forrest moved, That Order of the Day, General Business, No. 3 be postponed until Thursday, 23rd instant.
Debate ensued.
Question—put.
The House divided—

Ayes, 33.		Noes, 15.	
Mr. Bamford,	Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Conroy,	Mr. Skene,
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. O'Malley,	Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Page,	Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Poynton,	Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Wilson.
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Ronald,	Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Spence,	Mr. Knox,	
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Storrer,	Mr. Lee,	*Tellers.*
Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. David Thomson,	Mr. McLean,	Mr. Wilks.
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Tudor,		
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Watkins,		
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Watson,		
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Wilkinson.		
Mr. Higgins,			
Mr. Hutchison,			
Mr. Kennedy,	*Tellers.*		
Sir William Lyne,	Mr. Hume Cook,		
Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Mauger.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, after debate—That the remaining Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed as follows, viz. :—Order of the Day No. 4 until Thursday, 30th instant, and Order of the Day No. 5 until to-morrow.

6. APPROPRIATION BILL 1905-6.—The Order of the Day having been read for the third reading of this Bill—Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SECRET COMMISSIONS BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 18.

The Senate has agreed to the Bill returned herewith intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Secret Commissions, Rebates, and Profits*," with the amendments indicated in the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Senate desires the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 9th November, 1905.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith in Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had agreed to the amendments, which are as follow :—

No. 1.—Page 2, clause 4, line 20, leave out "Five hundred" insert "One thousand".
No. 2.—Page 2, clause 5, line 36, leave out "Five hundred" insert "One thousand".
No. 3.—Page 2, clause 6, line 45, leave out "Five hundred" insert "One thousand".

On the motion of Mr. Isaacs the House adopted the Report.

8. SUGAR BOUNTY BILL (1905).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Sir William Lyne moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

9. EXCISE [SUGAR] TARIFF BILL (1905).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Sir William Lyne moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. McCay moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

10. PAPER.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Federal Capital Site—Letter from the Premier of New South Wales to the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth, dated 8th November, 1905.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir William Lyne moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at a quarter past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Fowler, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. Liddell, Mr. McColl, Mr. McWilliams, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Dugald Thomson, and Sir George Turner*.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. MCCOLL).—Mr. Deakin moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one week be given to the honorable Member for Echuca (Mr. McColl).
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

3. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Notices of Motion, and of Orders of the Day, Government Business Nos. 1, 2, and 3, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 4.

4. REPRESENTATION BILL—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the amendments made by the Senate in this Bill—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Mauger reported that the Committee had dealt with the amendments as follows:—

AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE TO WHICH THE COMMITTEE HAS AGREED.

No. 1.—Page 2, clause 4, lines 10 and 11, leave out "up to and including the last quarter day before Enumeration Day".

AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE TO WHICH THE COMMITTEE HAS AGREED WITH AMENDMENTS.

No. 2.—Page 3, after clause 8, insert the following new clause:—

8A. The Chief Electoral Officer shall, immediately after the issue of the foregoing certificate, determine the number of Members of the House of Representatives to be chosen in the several States in the following manner. (Determination of number of Members of House of Representatives.)

Senate amendment agreed to with the following amendments:—

In the last line omit the word "following" and after "manner" add "hereinafter mentioned".

No. 3.—Page 3, after clause 9, insert the following new clause:—

9A. The Chief Electoral Officer shall forthwith, after he has determined the number of Members of the House of Representatives to be chosen in the several States in accordance with this Act, make and forward to the Minister a certificate setting forth the number of Members of the House of Representatives to be chosen in the several States. (Certificate setting forth number of Members of House of Representatives.)

Senate amendment agreed to with the following amendment:—

In line 4, omit "certificate," and insert "notification".

On the motion of Mr. Isaacs the House adopted the Report.

5. IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Immigration Restriction Act* 1901.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Deakin then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Immigration Restriction Act* 1901,'" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Deakin moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

6. Contract Immigrants Bill.—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Immigrants under Contract to perform Manual Labour in the Commonwealth.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Deakin then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Immigrants under Contract to perform Manual Labour in the Commonwealth.*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Deakin moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

7. Precedence to Government Business.—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice, That, until otherwise ordered, Government Business shall have precedence, on each day of sitting, of all other business.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

8. Sugar Bounty Bill (1905).—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

9. Adjournment.—Sir William Lyne moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at five minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Cameron, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Groom, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. McColl*, Mr. McWilliams, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Dugald Thomson, and Sir George Turner*.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 14TH NOVEMBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. TRADE MARKS BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker twice resumed the Chair, attention having been called in Committee to the absence of a quorum, and a quorum of Members having been obtained on each occasion, the House again resolved itself into the Committee.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight—

WEDNESDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER, 1905.

Mr. Speaker, on seven further occasions, resumed the Chair, attention having been called in Committee to the absence of a quorum, and a quorum of Members having been obtained on each occasion, the House again resolved itself into the Committee.

Mr. Speaker again resumed the Chair; Mr. Mauger reported that a ruling given by him as temporary Chairman had been objected to, and that he had been directed to ask the opinion of Mr. Speaker thereon, and also to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, as soon as Mr. Speaker has given his opinion on the point referred to him, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

3. POINT OF ORDER.—MOTION "THAT THE CHAIRMAN DO LEAVE THE CHAIR."—Mr. Mauger then stated that, in the Committee, he, as temporary Chairman, had ruled that, on the motion "That the Chairman do leave the Chair", the clauses of the Trade Marks Bill could not be discussed in detail.

Mr. Speaker upheld the ruling of the temporary Chairman.

4. TRADE MARKS BILL.—Mr. Speaker again left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee.

Mr. Speaker or Mr. Deputy-Speaker, on eighteen further occasions, resumed the Chair, attention having been called in Committee to the absence of a quorum, and a quorum of Members having been obtained on each occasion, the House again resolved itself into the Committee.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker again resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that a quorum of Members was not present in the Committee.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker stated that, having several times quite recently counted the House, and having found that a quorum of Members was present, he declined at present to again count the House.

The House thereupon again resolved itself into the Committee.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker on two further occasions resumed the Chair, attention having been called in Committee to the absence of a quorum, and a quorum of Members having been obtained on each occasion, the House again resolved itself into the Committee.

Mr. Speaker again resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at one o'clock p.m., adjourned until this day at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Brown, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Groom, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston*, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Sir George Turner, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Willis.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. TRADE MARKS BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker on five occasions resumed the Chair, attention having been called in Committee to the absence of a quorum, and a quorum of Members having been obtained on each occasion, the House again resolved itself into the Committee.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight—

THURSDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER, 1905.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker took the Chair, attention having been called in Committee to the absence of a quorum, and a quorum of Members having been obtained, the House again resolved itself into the Committee.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Mauger reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—REPRESENTATION BILL.—Mr. Deputy-Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 19.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to the Representation of the Several States in the House of Representatives*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the amendments made by the House in amendments Nos. 2 and 3 of the Senate.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 15th November, 1905.

4. PAPERS.—Mr. Chapman presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Post and Telegraph Act 1901—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1905, Nos. 62 and 63.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—COUNT OUT.—Mr. Isaacs moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Conroy called the attention of Mr. Deputy-Speaker to the fact that a quorum of Members was not present.

The bells having been rung, and a quorum not having been obtained within the prescribed time, Mr. Deputy-Speaker thereupon at six minutes to one o'clock a.m. adjourned the House until this day at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Fowler, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. Liddell, Mr. Phillips, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Sir George Turner, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Willis.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PROPOSED STANDING ORDER—CLOSURE.—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice, That, notwithstanding any provisions in the Standing Orders to the contrary, there be forthwith adopted the following Standing Order, namely :—

   (*a*) After any question has been proposed, either in the House or in any Committee of the Whole, a motion may be made by any Member, rising in his place, and without notice, and whether any other Member is addressing the Chair or not, "That the question be now put," and the motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate.

   (*b*) When the motion, "That the question be now put," has been carried, and the question consequent thereon has been decided, any further motion may be at once made which may be requisite to bring to a decision any question already proposed from the Chair; and also if a clause be then under consideration a motion may be made, "That the question, 'That certain words of the clause defined in the motion stand part of the clause,' or 'That the clause stand part of or be added to the Bill' be now put." Such motions shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate.

   (*c*) An affirmative vote of not less than 24 Members shall be necessary to carry any motion under this Standing Order.

Mr. Joseph Cook moved, as an amendment, That after the first word "That" the following words be inserted—"except as regards business for this Session and".

Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after midnight—

FRIDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER, 1905.

Debate continued.

Mr. Wilks moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

And, after debate—

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 2.		Noes, 27.	
Tellers.		Mr. Bamford,	Mr. Maloney,
		Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. Mauger,
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Kelly.	Mr. Brown,	Mr. Ronald,
		Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Salmon,
		Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Spence,
		Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Storrer,
		Mr. Crouch,	Mr. David Thomson,
		Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Tudor,
		Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Watkins,
		Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Watson.
		Sir John Forrest,	
		Mr. Groom,	*Tellers.*
		Mr. Higgins,	
		Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Hume Cook,
		Sir William Lyne,	Mr. Thomas.

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Kelly moved, as an amendment upon the amendment, That the words "which has not been submitted for the consideration of the constituencies" be inserted after the word "business" in the proposed amendment.

Debate ensued.
Mr. Lee moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
And, after debate—
Mr. Fuller, taking objection in writing to the ruling of Mr. Deputy-Speaker—That an honorable Member is not entitled to repeat an argument already used by another honorable Member in the same debate—moved, That the ruling be dissented from.
Ordered—That debate thereon be forthwith adjourned to the next sitting day.
And, after further debate on the motion moved by Mr. Lee—

And the House continuing to sit till after midnight—

SATURDAY, 18TH NOVEMBER, 1905.

Debate continued.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.
The House divided—

Ayes, 10.		Noes, 31.	
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Skene,	Mr. Bamford,	Mr. O'Malley,
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Sydney Smith.	Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. Poynton,
Mr. Knox,		Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. Lee,	*Tellers.*	Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Liddell,	Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. McWilliams,	Mr. Johnson.	Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Storrer,
		Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Thomas,
		Mr. Fisher,	Mr. David Thomson,
		Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Tudor,
		Mr. Groom,	Mr. Watkins,
		Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Watson,
		Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Wilkinson.
		Sir William Lyne,	
		Mr. Mahon,	*Tellers.*
		Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Hume Cook,
		Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Frazer.
		Mr. McDonald,	

And so it passed in the negative.
Debate continued.
Question—That the words "which has not been submitted for the consideration of the constituencies" proposed to be inserted in the proposed amendment be so inserted—put.
The House divided—

Ayes, 31.		Noes, 10.	
Mr. Bamford,	Mr. O'Malley,	Mr. Conroy,	Mr. Sydney Smith.
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. Poynton,	Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Wilks.
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Ronald,	Mr. Knox,	
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Salmon,	Mr. Lee,	*Tellers.*
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Spence,	Mr. McCay,	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Storrer,	Mr. Skene,	Mr. Wilson.
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Thomas,		
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. David Thomson,		
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Tudor,		
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Watkins,		
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Watson,		
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Wilkinson.		
Sir William Lyne,			
Mr. Mahon,	*Tellers.*		
Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Hume Cook,		
Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Kelly.		
Mr. McDonald,			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
And a question that the proposed amendment be further amended by omitting therefrom the words "for this Session and" having been put and negatived—
Mr. Conroy moved, That the words proposed to be inserted by the proposed amendment as amended be further amended by adding thereto the words "as regards business for this Parliament."
Debate ensued.
Mr. Lee moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
And, after debate—

3. SUSPENSION OF SITTING, OVER SUNDAY.—At twelve o'clock, midnight, Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had gathered from the speeches and in other ways that the general wish of the House was that the sitting should not be continued during Sunday. He stated that many precedents showed that the Speaker has power to suspend a sitting for such a time as would secure certain ends the House generally had in view. He recognised that in suspending the sitting beyond midnight on Sunday he was going beyond any period for which there was precedent. In deference, however, to what he understood to be the general desire of the House he would now suspend the sitting till half-past ten o'clock a.m. on Monday.

MONDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER, 1905.

4. RESUMPTION OF SITTING.—At half-past ten o'clock a.m. the sitting was resumed.

5. PROPOSED STANDING ORDER—CLOSURE.—Debate (interrupted by suspension of sitting of the House) resumed on the motion by Mr. Lee for the adjournment of the debate.

Motion for the adjournment of debate, by leave, withdrawn.

Debate continued.

Question—That the words "as regards business for this Parliament" be added to the proposed amendment—put and negatived.

Question—That the words "except as regards business which has not been submitted for the consideration of the constituencies for this Session and" be inserted after the first word "That" in the motion of Mr. Deakin—put and negatived.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 20.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Message of His Excellency the Governor-General recommending amendments in the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Assurance on the Lives of Children by Life Assurance Companies or Societies*," together with a copy of the said Bill as presented by the Speaker to the Governor-General for assent, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the amendments recommended by the Governor-General, as amended by the House of Representatives.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 16th November, 1905.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—COMMERCE BILL (No. 2).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

Message No. 21.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate has agreed to the Bill returned herewith intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Commerce with other Countries*," with the amendments indicated in the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Senate desires the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 16th November, 1905.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

8. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker:—

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 18.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the acceptance of British New Guinea as a Territory under the authority of the Commonwealth, and for the Government thereof*," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
Melbourne, 16th November, 1905.

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 19.

A Bill intituled "*An Act relating to Secret Commissions, Rebates, and Profits*," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
Melbourne, 16th November, 1905.

9. PAPERS.—Mr. Deakin presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Post and Telegraph Act 1901—Regulations—

Telephone—Fire Brigade Lines—Statutory Rules 1905, No. 59.

Registration—Compensation for loss of Registered Articles—Statutory Rules 1905, No. 60.

Transmission of Packets within the Commonwealth, and Newspapers—Statutory Rules 1905, No. 62.

Town and Suburban Letters—Statutory Rules 1905, No. 63.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at five minutes past twelve o'clock noon (Monday), adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston*, Sir John Quick, Mr. Bruce Smith, Sir George Turner, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Willis.

* On leave.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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No. 71.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 21st NOVEMBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. Papers.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Federal Capital Site—Letter from the Prime Minister to the Premier of New South Wales, dated 15th November, 1905.

Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Property for Public Purposes Acquisition Act 1901—Land acquired under, at Glen Innes, New South Wales, for Defence purposes.

3. Postponement of Motion.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Motion to dissent from Mr. Deputy-Speaker's ruling be postponed until Tuesday next.

4. Harvesters Imported.—Mr. McCay, for Mr. McColl, moved, pursuant to notice, That a Return be laid upon the Table of the House showing—

(1) The number of Harvesters imported into the Commonwealth during the years 1901 to 1905 inclusive, showing each year's importations separately.
(2) The name of the maker of each Harvester.
(3) The port of shipment.
(4) The price of each machine at port of shipment.
(5) The value set on each machine at the port of entry on which duty was charged, and the duty paid.

The motion having been set down as unopposed, and Mr. Robinson proposing to move an amendment—

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

5. Proposed Standing Order—Closure.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Deakin :—

That, notwithstanding any provisions in the Standing Orders to the contrary, there be forthwith adopted the following Standing Order, namely :—

(*a*) After any question has been proposed, either in the House or in any Committee of the Whole, a motion may be made by any Member, rising in his place, and without notice, and whether any other Member is addressing the Chair or not, "That the question be now put," and the motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate.

(*b*) When the motion, "That the question be now put" has been carried, and the question consequent thereon has been decided, any further motion may be at once made which may be requisite to bring to a decision any question already proposed from the Chair ; and also if a clause be then under consideration, a motion may be made, "That the question, 'That certain words of the clause defined in the motion stand part of the clause,' or 'That the clause stand part of or be added to the Bill' be now put." Such motions shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate.

(*c*) An affirmative vote of not less than 24 Members shall be necessary to carry any motion under this Standing Order—

Debate continued.

Mr. Robinson moved, as an amendment, That the word "Member" in line 2 of paragraph (*a*) be omitted, and that the following words be inserted in place thereof, viz., "Minister with the consent of the Speaker or the Chairman of Committees as the case may require."
Amendment, by leave, temporarily withdrawn.
Debate on main question continued.
Mr. Fuller moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

6. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

7. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.—MEMBERS DISCHARGED FROM ATTENDANCE.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, by leave, That the honorable Member for Corinella (Mr. McCay), for East Sydney (Mr. Reid), and for North Sydney (Mr. Dugald Thomson) be respectively discharged from attendance on the Standing Orders Committee.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twelve minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. McColl, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Sir George Turner, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Wilson.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PETITION.—Mr. McWilliams presented a Petition from George Kerr, A. Eckford, styling themselves respectively Mayor of Hobart and Chairman of the Queenborough Town Board, and others, praying that the House will not sanction the retention of the present site for a rifle range at Queenborough, Tasmania, but that a more suitable site will be selected at less cost, and with better protection to life, and thus prevent the injury now being done to citizens and owners of property.
Petition received and read.

3. PROPOSED STANDING ORDER—CLOSURE.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Deakin :—

That, notwithstanding any provisions in the Standing Orders to the contrary, there be forthwith adopted the following Standing Order, namely :—

(*a*) After any question has been proposed, either in the House or in any Committee of the Whole, a motion may be made by any Member, rising in his place, and without notice, and whether any other Member is addressing the Chair or not, "That the question be now put," and the motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate.

(*b*) When the motion, "That the question be now put" has been carried, and the question consequent thereon has been decided, any further motion may be at once made which may be requisite to bring to a decision any question already proposed from the Chair; and also if a clause be then under consideration, a motion may be made, "That the question, 'That certain words of the clause defined in the motion stand part of the clause,' or 'That the clause stand part of or be added to the Bill' be now put." Such motions shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate.

(*c*) An affirmative vote of not less than 24 Members shall be necessary to carry any motion under this Standing Order—

Debate resumed.
Mr. Dugald Thomson moved, as an amendment, That after the word "namely" in line 2 of the motion, the following words be inserted, with the view of omitting the remainder of the motion :—

"No Member shall speak for more than one hour on any question before the House except in the debate on the Address-in-Reply, or on the Budget, or in a debate on a motion of 'No Confidence,' or in moving the second reading of a Bill, or in moving a resolution.

In a Committee of the House no Member shall speak for more than one hour in all, or four times in all, on any question before the Committee. This rule shall not apply to a Member in charge of a Bill or resolution.

Any Member may speak for a longer period or more frequently than is allowed by the two next preceding rules with the leave of an ordinary majority of the House or Committee, as the case may be. The question whether the Member be further heard shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate."

Amendment, by leave, temporarily withdrawn.
Debate on main question continued.
Mr. Wilks moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—AMENDMENTS INCORPORATION BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

Message No. 22.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate has agreed to the Bill returned herewith intituled "*A Bill for an Act to incorporate Amendments in Amended Acts*," with the amendments indicated in the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Senate desires the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 22nd November, 1905.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith in Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had agreed to the amendments, which are as follow :—

No. 1.—Clause 3, first line of clause, leave out " On all copies " insert " There shall be printed on every reprint ".

No. 2.—Clause 3, last line of clause, leave out " shall be made on the first page of each copy issued ".

On the motion of Mr. Groom, the House adopted the Report.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir John Forrest moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirty-seven minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Fowler, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. McColl, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Sir George Turner, and Mr. Wilson.

* On leave.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PROPOSED STANDING ORDER—CLOSURE.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Deakin :—

That, notwithstanding any provisions in the Standing Orders to the contrary, there be forthwith adopted the following Standing Order, namely :—

(*a*) After any question has been proposed, either in the House or in any Committee of the Whole, a motion may be made by any Member, rising in his place, and without notice, and whether any other Member is addressing the Chair or not, "That the question be now put," and the motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate.

(*b*) When the motion, "That the question be now put" has been carried, and the question consequent thereon has been decided, any further motion may be at once made which may be requisite to bring to a decision any question already proposed from the Chair ; and also if a clause be then under consideration, a motion may be made, "That the question, 'That certain words of the clause defined in the motion stand part of the clause,' or 'That the clause stand part of or be added to the Bill' be now put." Such motions shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate.

(*c*) An affirmative vote of not less than 24 Members shall be necessary to carry any motion under this Standing Order—

Debate resumed.

Debate ensued on Mr. Dugald Thomson's amendment,, submitted for the consideration of the House, That after the word "namely" in line 2 of the motion, the following words be inserted, with a view of omitting the remainder of the motion :—

"No Member shall speak for more than one hour on any question before the House except in the debate on the Address-in-Reply, or on the Budget, or in a debate on a motion of 'No Confidence', or in moving the second reading of a Bill, or in moving a resolution.

In a Committee of the House no Member shall speak for more than one hour in all, or four times in all, on any question before the Committee. This rule shall not apply to a Member in charge of a Bill or resolution.

Any Member may speak for a longer period or more frequently than is allowed by the two preceding rules with the leave of an ordinary majority of the House or Committee, as the case may be. The question whether the Member be further heard shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate."

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Knox,	Mr. Wilson.
Mr. Liddell,	
Mr. Lonsdale,	
Mr. McCay,	*Tellers.*
Mr. McWilliams,	Mr. Johnson,
Mr. Robinson,	Mr. Kelly.

Noes, 30.

Mr. Bamford,	Mr. Mauger,
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. O'Malley,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Storrer,
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Thomas,
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. David Thomson,
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Tudor,
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Wilkinson.
Mr. Kennedy,	
Sir William Lyne,	*Tellers.*
Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Hume Cook,
Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Frazer.

And so it passed in the negative.

The following amendment of Mr. Johnson was then submitted for the decision of the House :—

To insert after the word "by" in line 2 of paragraph (*a*) the following words :—"the Prime Minister or Minister in charge of the business or the Leader or Deputy Leader of the Opposition after a Member addressing the Chair has exceeded the limit of one hour's speech, 'That the Member speaking be no longer heard'; but such motion shall not be put unless, in the opinion of the Speaker—or if the House is in Committee of the Whole, the Chairman of Committees—the Member speaking at the time of the interruption of such motion was guilty of tedious repetition or deliberate obstruction of business. Such", and then to omit all the words after the word "by" in line 2 down to the word "motion" in line 4.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Cameron,	Mr. McColl,
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. McWilliams,
Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Mr. Johnson,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Willis.
Mr. Knox,	
Mr. Liddell,	*Tellers.*
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Robinson,
Mr. McCay,	Mr. Wilson.

Noes, 30.

Mr. Bamford,	Mr. Maloney,
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. Mauger,
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. O'Malley,
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Storrer,
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. David Thomson,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Tudor,
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Wilkinson.
Mr. Isaacs,	
Mr. Kennedy,	*Tellers.*
Sir William Lyne,	Mr. Hume Cook,
Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Thomas.

And so it passed in the negative.

The following amendment of Mr. Robinson was then submitted for the decision of the House :—

In paragraph (*a*), line 2, omit "Member" and insert "Minister, with the consent of the Speaker or the Chairman of Committees, as the case may require".

Question—That the word "Member" proposed to be omitted stand part of paragraph (*a*)—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Bamford,	Mr. Mauger,
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. O'Malley,
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Storrer,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. David Thomson,
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Tudor,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Wilkinson.
Mr. Higgins,	
Mr. Isaacs,	
Sir William Lyne,	*Tellers.*
Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Hume Cook,
Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Kennedy.

Noes, 19.

Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Mr. R. Edwards,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Johnson,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Knox,	Mr. Wilson.
Mr. Liddell,	
Mr. Lonsdale,	
Mr. McCay,	*Tellers.*
Mr. McColl,	Mr. G. B. Edwards,
Mr. Robinson,	Mr. McWilliams.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The following amendment of Mr. Robinson was then submitted for the decision of the House :—

In paragraph (*b*) omit all words from " and also " in line 4 down to and inclusive of " be now put " in line 7 of the paragraph.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of paragraph (*b*)—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 31.		Noes, 19.	
Mr. Bamford,	Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. McDonald,	Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. O'Malley,	Mr. R. Edwards,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Johnson,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Ronald,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Wilson.
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Spence,	Mr. Knox,	
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Storrer,	Mr. Liddell,	
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Thomas,	Mr. McCay,	*Tellers.*
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. David Thomson,	Mr. McColl,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Watson,	Mr. McWilliams,	Mr. Willis.
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Wilkinson.		
Mr. Higgins,			
Mr. Isaacs,			
Mr. Kennedy,	*Tellers.*		
Sir William Lyne,	Mr. Hume Cook,		
Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Tudor.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The following amendment of Mr. Robinson was then submitted for the decision of the House :—

In paragraph (*c*) omit " 24 " and insert " 30 ".

Question—That the figures " 24 " proposed to be omitted stand part of paragraph (*c*)—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 31.		Noes, 19.	
Mr. Bamford,	Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. McDonald,	Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. O'Malley,	Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Johnson,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Ronald,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Spence,	Mr. Knox,	Mr. Wilson.
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Storrer,	Mr. Liddell,	
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Lonsdale,	
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. David Thomson,	Mr. McCay,	*Tellers.*
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Tudor,	Mr. McColl,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Watson,	Mr. McWilliams,	Mr. Wilks.
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Wilkinson.		
Mr. Isaacs,			
Mr. Kennedy,			
Sir William Lyne,	*Tellers.*		
Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Hume Cook,		
Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Crouch.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Liddell moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the motion :—

" Provided always that this rule shall be put in force only when the Speaker or the Chairman of Committees is in the Chair, and it appears to the Chair that the motion is not an abuse of the rules of the House or an infringement of the rights of the minority."

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 19.		Noes, 31.	
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Bamford,	Mr. Maloney,
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,	Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. Mauger,
Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Sir George Turner,	Mr. Brown,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Wilks,	Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. O'Malley,
Mr. Knox,	Mr. Willis,	Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Liddell,	Mr. Wilson.	Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. Lonsdale,		Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. McCay,		Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. McColl,	*Tellers.*	Mr. Fisher,	Mr. David Thomson,
Mr. McWilliams,	Mr. Johnson,	Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Tudor,
Mr. Robinson,	Mr. Kelly.	Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Watson,
		Mr. Groom,	Mr. Wilkinson.
		Mr. Higgins,	
		Mr. Isaacs,	
		Mr. Kennedy,	*Tellers.*
		Sir William Lyne,	Mr. Hume Cook,
		Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Storrer.

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Wilson moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the motion :—

" Provided that a majority of the whole House shall be present when such vote is carried."

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 19.		Noes, 31.	
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Bamford,	Mr. Maloney,
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,	Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. Mauger,
Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Sir George Turner.	Mr. Brown,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Wilks,	Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. O'Malley,
Mr. Johnson,	Mr. Willis,	Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Wilson.	Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. Liddell,		Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Storrer,
Mr. Lonsdale,	*Tellers.*	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. McCay,		Mr. Fisher,	Mr. David Thomson,
Mr. McColl,	Mr. Knox,	Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Tudor,
Mr. McWilliams,	Mr. Robinson.	Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Watson,
		Mr. Groom,	Mr. Wilkinson.
		Mr. Higgins,	
		Mr. Isaacs,	*Tellers.*
		Mr. Kennedy,	
		Sir William Lyne,	Mr. Hume Cook,
		Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Phillips.

And so it passed in the negative.

Question—That, notwithstanding any provisions in the Standing Orders to the contrary, there be forthwith adopted the following Standing Order, namely :—

(*a*) After any question has been proposed, either in the House or in any Committee of the Whole, a motion may be made by any Member, rising in his place, and without notice, and whether any other Member is addressing the Chair or not, " That the question be now put," and the motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate.

(*b*) When the motion " That the question be now put " has been carried, and the question consequent thereon has been decided, any further motion may be at once made which may be requisite to bring to a decision any question already proposed from the Chair; and also if a clause be then under consideration, a motion may be made, " That the question, ' That certain words of the clause defined in the motion stand part of the clause,' or ' That the clause stand part of or be added to the Bill ' be now put." Such motions shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate.

(*c*) An affirmative vote of not less than 24 Members shall be necessary to carry any motion under this Standing Order—

—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 30.		Noes, 20.	
Mr. Bamford,	Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. O'Malley,	Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Johnson,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Salmon,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Spence,	Mr. Knox,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Storrer,	Mr. Liddell,	Mr. Wilson.
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Lonsdale,	
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. David Thomson,	Mr. McCay,	*Tellers.*
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Tudor,	Mr. McDonald,	Mr. R. Edwards,
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Watson,	Mr. McWilliams,	Mr. McColl.
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Wilkinson.		
Mr. Isaacs,			
Mr. Kennedy,	*Tellers.*		
Sir William Lyne,	Mr. Hume Cook,		
Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Ronald.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

3. Postponement of Order of the Day.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 3.

4. Census and Statistics Bill—Senate's Amendments.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the amendments made by the Senate in this Bill—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had dealt with the amendments as follows :—

Schedule of the Amendments of the Senate to which the Committee has agreed.

No. 2.—Page 3, clause 12, line 28, after " person " insert " abiding in the dwelling during the night of the Census day ".

No. 3.—Page 3, clause 15, line 44, leave out " on that night ".

No. 4.—Page 4, clause 16, before sub-paragraph (*a*) insert new sub-paragraph, viz. :—

" (*aa*) Population ; "

No. 6.—Page 4, clause 16, after sub-paragraph (*a*) insert new sub-paragraph, viz. :—
"(*ab*) Employment and non-employment;"

No. 8.—Page 4, clause 19, line 35, before "The" insert "For the purpose of making any inquiries or observations necessary for the proper carrying out of this Act".

No. 9.—Page 5, clause 27, leave out clause 27.

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS OF THE SENATE TO WHICH THE COMMITTEE HAS AGREED WITH AMENDMENTS.

No. 5.—Page 4, clause 16, line 10, leave out "statistics".
Senate amendment agreed to with the following amendment: —
Omission of word "statistics" agreed to and the word "matters" inserted in place thereof.

No. 7.—Page 4, clause 16, after sub-paragraph (*c*) insert new sub-paragraph, viz. :—
"(*ca*) Postal and telegraphic;"
Senate amendment agreed to with the following amendment: —
Insertion of new sub-paragraph (*ca*) agreed to with the following amendment :—After the word "telegraphic" insert the word "matters".

SCHEDULE OF AN AMENDMENT OF THE SENATE TO WHICH THE COMMITTEE HAS DISAGREED.

No. 1.—Page 1, clause 3, line 20, after "thereof" insert "or any ship or vessel registered in Australia on a passage between any two Commonwealth ports."

On the motion of Mr. Groom, the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Groom moved, That Mr. Deakin, Sir John Forrest, and the Mover be appointed a Committee to draw up a Reason for the House of Representatives disagreeing to amendment No. 1 of the Senate.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Groom, on behalf of the Committee, brought up such Reason which was read and is as follows :—

Reason of the House of Representatives for disagreeing to Amendment No. 1 of the Senate :—

Because it is impossible to state to which State the persons on board any ship or vessel should be credited.

Mr. Groom moved, That the Committee's Reason be adopted.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-one minutes to ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Chanter, Mr. Fowler, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. Poynton, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, and Mr. Bruce Smith.

* On leave.

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No. 74.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 20.

A Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the Representation of the several States in the House of Representatives,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
Melbourne, 23rd November, 1905.

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 21.

A Bill intituled "*An Act relating to Assurance on the Lives of Children by Life Assurance Companies or Societies,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
Melbourne, 23rd November, 1905.

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 22.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to incorporate Amendments in Amended Acts,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
Melbourne, 23rd November, 1905.

3. PROPOSED STANDING ORDERS.—CERTAIN MOTIONS NOT TO BE DEBATED: INDIVIDUAL CLOSURE.—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice, That the following Standing Orders be forthwith adopted :—

1. The following motions are not open to debate, shall be moved without argument or opinion offered, and shall be forthwith put from the Chair without amendment and the vote taken :—

(*a*) A motion for the first reading of a Bill ;
(*b*) A motion, That this debate be now adjourned ;
(*c*) A motion in Committee, That the Chairman report progress (either simply or in any form) ;
(*d*) A motion in Committee, That the Chairman leave the Chair ;
(*e*) A motion to reinstate on the Notice Paper any business which has lapsed because of a count-out.

Should any such motion be negatived, no similar motion shall be received within a quarter of an hour of the declaration of the preceding decision, and no such motion shall be received if the Speaker or Chairman is of opinion that it is an abuse of the rules or forms of the House, or is moved for the purpose of obstructing business.

2. A motion without notice may be made, That a Member who is speaking "be not further heard," and such question shall be put forthwith, and decided without amendment or debate.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Johnson moved, as an amendment, That the words " forthwith adopted," in lines 1 and 2 of the motion, be omitted, and that the following words be inserted in place thereof :—" brought up for consideration when the Standing Orders recommended by the Standing Orders Committee are being considered by the House."

Amendment, by leave, temporarily withdrawn.

Debate on main question continued.

Mr. McCay moved the following amendments in paragraph 2 of the motion :—

At the commencement of the paragraph insert—" Except in the debate on the Address-in-Reply or on the Budget, or in a debate on a Motion of ' No Confidence,' and except when the second reading of a Bill, or a resolution, is being moved ".

Line 1, after " is speaking " insert " and has been speaking for not less than one hour in the House, and half-an-hour in Committee ".

At the end of the paragraph add—" An affirmative vote of not less than 24 Members shall be necessary to carry any motion under this part of this Standing Order."

Amendments, by leave, temporarily withdrawn.

Debate on main question continued.

And the motion having, by request, been divided—

The following amendment of Mr. Johnson was then submitted for the decision of the House :—

That the words " forthwith adopted," in lines 1 and 2 of the motion, be omitted, and that the following words be inserted in place thereof :—" brought up for consideration when the Standing Orders recommended by the Standing Orders Committee are being considered by the House ".

Question—That the words " forthwith adopted " proposed to be omitted stand part of the motion—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then proposed Standing Order 1 was put and agreed to.

The following amendment of Mr. McCay was then submitted for the decision of the House :—

At the commencement of paragraph 2 insert—" Except in the debate on the Address-in-Reply or on the Budget, or in a debate on a motion of ' No Confidence,' and except when the second reading of a Bill, or a resolution, is being moved ".

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 15.		Noes, 27.	
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. O'Malley,
Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,	Mr. Brown,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Gibb,	Mr. Wilks,	Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Johnson,	Mr. Willis.	Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. Liddell,		Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. Lonsdale,	*Tellers.*	Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Storrer,
Mr. McCay,		Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. McColl,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Tudor,
Mr. McLean,	Mr. Robinson.	Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Watson,
		Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Wilkinson.
		Mr. Groom,	
		Mr. Kennedy,	*Tellers.*
		Sir William Lyne,	
		Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Hume Cook,
		Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Mauger.

And so it passed in the negative.

The following amendment of Mr. McCay was then submitted for the decision of the House :—

Line 1, of paragraph 2, after " is speaking " insert " and has been speaking for not less than one hour in the House and half-an-hour in Committee ".

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 15.		Noes, 27.	
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,	Mr. Brown,	Mr. O'Malley,
Mr. Gibb,	Mr. Wilks,	Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Willis.	Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Liddell,		Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. Lonsdale,	*Tellers.*	Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. McCay,		Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Storrer,
Mr. McLean,	Mr. Johnson,	Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Tudor,
Mr. Robinson,	Mr. McColl.	Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Watson,
		Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Wilkinson.
		Mr. Groom,	
		Mr. Kennedy,	*Tellers.*
		Sir William Lyne,	
		Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Hume Cook,
		Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Thomas.

And so it passed in the negative.

The following amendment of Mr. McCay was then submitted for the decision of the House :—

At the end of paragraph 2 add—"An affirmative vote of not less than 24 Members shall be necessary to carry any motion under this part of this Standing Order."

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 15.		Noes, 27.	
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,	Mr. Brown,	Mr. O'Malley,
Mr. Gibb,	Mr. Wilks,	Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Johnson,	Mr. Willis.	Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Kelly,		Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. Lonsdale,	*Tellers.*	Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Storrer,
Mr. McColl,		Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. McLean,	Mr. Liddell,	Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Tudor,
Mr. Robinson,	Mr. McCay.	Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Watson,
		Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Wilkinson.
		Mr. Groom,	
		Mr. Kennedy,	*Tellers.*
		Sir William Lyne,	
		Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Hume Cook,
		Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Spence.

And so it passed in the negative.

Question—That proposed Standing Order 2 be agreed to—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 28.		Noes, 15.	
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. O'Malley,	Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Page,	Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Gibb,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Ronald,	Mr. Johnson,	Mr. Willis.
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Salmon,	Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Spence,	Mr. Liddell,	*Tellers.*
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Storrer,	Mr. Lonsdale,	
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Thomas,	Mr. McCay,	Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Tudor,	Mr. McColl,	Mr. Wilks.
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Watson,		
Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Wilkinson.		
Sir William Lyne,			
Mr. Mahon,	*Tellers.*		
Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Carpenter,		
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Hume Cook.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

4. PAPERS.—Sir John Forrest presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Audit Act 1901—Transfers of Amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council—Financial Year 1904–5 (dated 24th November, 1905).

Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Public Service Act 1902—Regulation No. 89A—Furlough. Statutory Rules 1905, No. 73.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at eight minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Culpin, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Fuller, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. Lee, Mr. Poynton, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Skene, Mr. Bruce Smith, Sir George Turner, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Webster.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. POSTPONEMENT OF MOTION.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Motion to dissent from Mr. Deputy-Speaker's ruling be postponed until to-morrow.

3. TRADE MARKS BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that a quorum of Members was not present in the Committee; whereupon Mr. Speaker counted the House, and a quorum of Members having been obtained, the House again resolved itself into the Committee.

Mr. Speaker again resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. PAPERS.—Mr. Isaacs presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Trade Marks Bill—Union Label Clauses.—Correspondence between the Attorney-General's Department and the Central Council of Employers of Australia.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Ewing presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Defence Acts 1903-4—Military Forces—Provisional Regulations—Amendment of Paragraph 68.—Statutory Rules 1905, No. 74.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Isaacs moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirty-one minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Bamford, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Culpin, Mr. Fowler, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kingston*, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Poynton, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, and Mr. Thomas.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PETITION.—Mr. Kennedy presented a Petition from certain employés in the manufacture in Australia of stripper harvesters, praying that, in view of the injury to the petitioners, Australian farmers, and others, caused by the action of foreign Trusts, there should be at once imposed a fixed duty of £25 on each stripper harvester imported into the Commonwealth, and 2½d. per lb. on parts of the same.
   Petition received and read.

3. PRIVILEGE.—DISSENT FROM DEPUTY-SPEAKER'S RULING.—Mr. Fuller moved, pursuant to notice, That this House dissents from the ruling of Mr. Deputy-Speaker, that an honorable Member is not entitled to repeat an argument already used by another honorable Member in the same debate.
   Debate ensued.
   Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

4. PAPER.—Sir John Forrest presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
   Banking Returns of the various States of the Commonwealth and New Zealand, for the quarters ended 30th June, 1904, and 30th June, 1905.
   Ordered to lie on the Table.

5. TRADE MARKS BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
   Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
   Debate ensued.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Bamford, Mr. Brown, Mr. Culpin, Mr. Fowler, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Kingston*, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McWilliams, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Dugald Thomson, and Mr. Wilks.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—APPROPRIATION BILL 1905-6.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 23.

The Senate has agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and six and to appropriate the supplies granted for such year in this Session of the Parliament,*" without requests.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 30th November, 1905, A.M.

3. TRADE MARKS BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight—

FRIDAY, 1ST DECEMBER, 1905.

Mr. Speaker on four occasions, resumed the Chair, attention having been called in Committee to the absence of a quorum, and a quorum of Members having been obtained on each occasion, the House again resolved itself into the Committee.

Mr. Speaker again resumed the Chair ; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 23.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and six and to appropriate the supplies granted for such year in this Session of the Parliament,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
Melbourne, 30th November, 1905.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CENSUS AND STATISTICS BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 24.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to the Census and Statistics of the Commonwealth*," and acquaints the House that the Senate insists on amendment No. 1 disagreed to by the House of Representatives, as shown in the annexed Schedule, and agrees to the amendments upon the Senate's amendments, Nos. 5 and 7, in the said Bill.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 30th November, 1905.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith.

And the Schedule was read, and is as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT OF THE SENATE TO WHICH THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HAS DISAGREED, UPON WHICH THE SENATE INSISTS.

No. 1, page 1, clause 3, line 20, after "thereof" insert "or any ship or vessel registered in Australia on a passage between any two Commonwealth ports."

Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do insist on disagreeing to the said amendment.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
Mr. Groom moved, That the House do not insist on disagreeing to the said amendment.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at ten minutes past four o'clock p.m. (Friday), adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Bamford, Mr. Brown, Mr. Culpin, Mr. Fowler, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. McWilliams, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Dugald Thomson, and Mr. Wilks.

* On leave.

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No. 78.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 5TH DECEMBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPERS.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Proposed Colonial Conference, 1906—Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies as to previous Colonial Conferences, and suggesting formation of an Imperial Council in place of a Conference, together with a permanent advisory Commission on matters of joint concern, and reply thereto from the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth.

Agents-General—Memorandum by, on the question of publishing information and removing misconceptions as to the Commonealth, and advertising its resources and development, &c.

Immigration Restriction Act 1901—Correspondence respecting proposal to modify the administration of the Act, in regard to visits of Asiatic merchants, travellers, &c.—(dated 16th April, 1904, to 1st August, 1905).

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

Sir William Lyne presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Harvesters Imported—Statement giving particulars as to.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

3. TRADE MARKS BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same with amendments.

Mr. Isaacs moved, by leave, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clause 4 and, in regard to amendments of which he had given notice, of clauses 2, 3, 12, 20, 29, 30, 31, 33, 34, 59, 60, 67, and 97, and the consideration of new clause 61A.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight—

WEDNESDAY, 6TH DECEMBER, 1905.

Mr. Speaker again resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had reconsidered the portions of the Bill referred to it, and had agreed to the same with further amendments, and had inserted new clause 61A.

On the motion of Mr. Isaacs, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Bill to be passed through its remaining stages this day.

Mr. Isaacs moved, That the Reports from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill be now adopted.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Isaacs moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

4. ALTERATION OF TIME OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House at its rising, adjourn until half-past ten o'clock a.m. this day.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirty-one minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day, at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Fowler, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Kingston, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Wilks, and Mr. Willis.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH DECEMBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PETITION.—Mr. Watson presented a Petition from R. S. Hews and Co. and others engaged in the printing trade in Brisbane, setting forth that Post Office Directories are advertising matter and should not be admitted free into the Commonwealth; that printing and binding them would give employment to a number of printers and others in the Commonwealth, and praying that the House will give effect to the Petition.

   Petition received and read.

3. IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—

   Debate resumed.

   Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put.

   The House divided—

Ayes, 39.		Noes, 6.	
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. McCay,	Mr. Frazer,	*Tellers.*
Sir Langdon Bonython,	Mr. McColl,	Mr. Mahon,	
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. McWilliams,	Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Page,	Mr. David Thomson.	Mr. McDonald.
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Ronald,		
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Salmon,		
Mr Crouch,	Mr. Skene,		
Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Sydney Smith,		
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Spence,		
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Storrer,		
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,		
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Tudor,		
Mr. Glynn,	Mr. Watkins,		
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Watson,		
Mr. Harper,	Mr. Wilkinson,		
Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Wilson.		
Mr. Knox,			
Mr. Lee,	*Tellers.*		
Mr. Lonsdale,			
Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Hume Cook,		
Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Johnson.		

   And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

   Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same with amendments.

Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Bill to pass through all its remaining stages without delay.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Deakin moved, That the Report from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill be now adopted.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Deakin moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 be postponed until to-morrow.

5. COMMERCE BILL (No. 2)—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the amendments made by the Senate in this Bill—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had agreed to the amendments, which are as follow:—

No. 1.—Page 1, clause 1, line 5, after "*Commerce*" insert "(*Trade Descriptions*)".
No. 2.—Page 4, clause 13, line 28, leave out "importer" insert "exporter".
No. 3.—Page 4, clause 15, after paragraph (*d*) insert new paragraph, viz:—
"(*da*) jewellery; or".

On the motion of Mr. Deakin, the House adopted the Report.

6. ALTERATION OF TIME OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until half-past ten o'clock a.m. to-morrow.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at four minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT—All Members were present except—Mr. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Fowler, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Kingston, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Wilks, and Mr. Willis.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 7TH DECEMBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. CONTRACT IMMIGRANTS BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
Mr. McWilliams moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.
The House divided—

Ayes, 11.		Noes, 32.	
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,	Mr. Bamford,	Mr. Mauger,
Mr. Knox,	Mr. Wilks.	Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Lee,		Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Poynton,
Mr. Lonsdale,		Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. McCay,	*Tellers.*	Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. McColl,	Mr. Johnson,	Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. McWilliams,	Mr. Kelly.	Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Storrer,
		Mr. Ewing,	Mr. David Thomson,
		Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Tudor,
		Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Watkins,
		Mr. Groom,	Mr. Watson,
		Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Webster,
		Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Wilkinson.
		Mr. Kennedy,	
		Sir William Lyne,	*Tellers.*
		Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Hume Cook,
		Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Frazer.

And so it passed in the negative.
Debate continued.
Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight—

FRIDAY, 8TH DECEMBER, 1905.

Mr. Speaker on two occasions resumed the Chair, attention having been called in Committee to the absence of a quorum, and a quorum of Members having been obtained on each occasion, the House again resolved itself into the Committee.
Mr. Speaker again resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same with amendments.

Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Bill to pass through all its remaining stages without delay.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Deakin moved, That the Report from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill be now adopted.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Deakin moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—AGREEMENT WITH EASTERN EXTENSION COMPANY.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 25.

The Senate, on the 6th December, 1905, agreed to the following resolution, viz. :—

" That the Senate ratifies an agreement entered into between the Government of the Commonwealth and the Eastern Extension Company, copy of which was laid on the Table of the Senate, 19th August, 1903, but only upon the following condition, namely, that instead of article 25 of the agreement, the following shall be article 25 thereof, that is to say :—

' (25) This agreement shall be in substitution for the two agreements and the provisional arrangement mentioned in the fourth recital of this agreement. This agreement shall expire on the 31st day of December, 1915.'

provided further that the company shall within three months from the 1st January, 1906, execute the agreement as so amended."

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 7th December, 1905.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for this day.

4. PAPERS.—Mr. Ewing presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Defence of Australia—
Reports by Captain Creswell, Naval Director—(*a*) in reply to questions asked by Minister of Defence as to the formation of an Australian Navy ; (*b*) upon Australian Defence ; (*c*) *re* Submersibles or Submarines.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Sir John Forrest presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Audit Act 1901—Transfer of amount approved by the Governor-General in Council—Financial Year 1904–5 (dated 7th December, 1905).

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirty-six minutes past four o'clock a.m. (Friday), adjourned until this day, at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Fowler, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Phillips, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Willis.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 8TH DECEMBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MANUFACTURES ENCOURAGEMENT.—Sir William Lyne moved, pursuant to notice, That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering the desirability of introducing a Bill for an Act to encourage Manufactures in Australia by altering the provisions for bringing into operation Part VIA. of the Schedule to the Customs Tariff 1902.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Speaker thereupon left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution:—

> *Resolved*—That it is expedient to encourage manufactures in Australia by altering the provisions for bringing into operation Part VIA. of the Schedule to the Customs Tariff 1902.

And the said resolution was, on the motion of Sir William Lyne, adopted by the House.
Ordered, after debate—That Sir William Lyne and Mr. Deakin do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

3. MANUFACTURES ENCOURAGEMENT BILL (No. 3).—Sir William Lyne then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to encourage Manufactures in Australia by altering the provisions for bringing into operation Part VIA. of the Schedule to the Customs Tariff* 1902," and moved—That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

4. ELECTORAL BILL (1905).—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, at its next day of sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Government Business, Nos. 2, 3, and 4 be postponed until the next day of sitting.

6. AGREEMENT WITH EASTERN EXTENSION COMPANY.—SENATE'S MESSAGE, No. 25.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Senate's Message, No. 25—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had considered the Message of the Senate, and had concurred in the resolution transmitted therewith, which is as follows:—

"'That the Senate ratifies an agreement entered into between the Government of the Commonwealth and the Eastern Extension Company, copy of which was laid on the Table of the Senate, 19th August, 1903, but only upon the following condition, namely, that instead of article 25 of the agreement, the following shall be article 25 thereof, that is to say:—

'(25) This agreement shall be in substitution for the two agreements and the provisional arrangement mentioned in the fourth recital of this agreement. This agreement shall expire on the 31st day of December, 1915.'

provided further that the company shall within three months from the 1st January, 1906, execute the agreement as so amended."

On the motion of Mr. Chapman the House, after debate, adopted the Report.

Ordered—That a Message be transmitted to the Senate acquainting them with the concurrence of the House with the resolution.

7. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY—MANUFACTURES ENCOURAGEMENT BILL (No. 2).—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the second reading of this Bill was read and discharged.

8. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Monday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at three minutes past three o'clock p.m., adjourned until Monday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Fowler, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Phillips, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Thomas, Sir George Turner, and Mr. Willis.

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No. 82.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MONDAY, 11TH DECEMBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk at the Table having informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, and read Prayers.

3. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 24.

A Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the Census and Statistics of the Commonwealth,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
Melbourne, 8th December, 1905.

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 25.

A Bill intituled "*An Act relating to Commerce with other Countries,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
Melbourne, 8th December, 1905.

4. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—PRICE AND BAYLY COMPENSATION BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 26.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of The Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for compensation to be paid to Colonel Price, C.B., and Lieutenant-Colonel Bayly.

Government House,
Melbourne, 9th December, 1905.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

5. Message from His Excellency the Governor-General.—Queen Victoria Memorial Bill.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 27.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of The Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of Twenty-five thousand pounds for the purposes of the erection of a Memorial in honour of the late Queen Victoria.

Government House,
Melbourne, 9th December, 1905.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

6. Message from the Senate.—Trade Marks Bill.—Mr. Deputy-Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

Mr. Speaker, *Message No.* 26.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Trade Marks,*" and acquaints the House of Representatives that the Senate has agreed to all the amendments made therein by the House of Representatives except amendment No. 54, to which it has agreed with an amendment, as shown in the annexed Schedule, in which amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 8th December, 1905.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith.
And the said amendment was read, and is as follows :—

Schedule of the Amendment of the House of Representatives to which the Senate has agreed with an Amendment.

No. 54.—Page 9, clause 39, line 1, after " service ", omit all words to end of clause, insert " in Australia as an address for service ".

Amendment agreed to, but a consequential amendment made in the clause, viz. :—To leave out from line 1 the words " for service ".
Mr. Isaacs moved, That the House agree to the amendment.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. Manufactures Encouragement Bill (No. 3).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Sir William Lyne moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an order of the Day for to-morrow.

8. Electoral Bill (1905).—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

9. Alteration of Time of Next Meeting.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until half-past ten o'clock a.m. to-morrow.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

10. Adjournment.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at eighteen minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

Members Present—All Members were present except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Culpin, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Fuller, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Glynn, Sir Frederick Holder, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Maloney, Mr. McColl, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Poynton, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Thomas, Sir George Turner, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Willis, and Mr. Wilson.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 12TH DECEMBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk at the Table having informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, and read Prayers.

3. DEFENCE OF AUSTRALIA—PAPER ORDERED TO BE PRINTED.—Mr. Ewing moved, by leave, That the Paper, "Defence of Australia, Reports by Captain Creswell, Naval Director," presented to the House on the 8th instant *(page 196 ante)*, be printed.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIES PRESERVATION BILL.—Sir William Lyne moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act for the Preservation of Australian Industries, and for the Repression of Commercial Trusts.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Sir William Lyne then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act for the Preservation of Australian Industries, and for the Repression of Commercial Trusts,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

5. QUEEN VICTORIA MEMORIAL BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 27—
Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.
Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.
And thereupon the said resolution was read, and is as follows:—

Resolved—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of Twenty-five thousand pounds for the purposes of the erection of a Memorial in honour of the late Queen Victoria.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.
Ordered—That Mr. Deakin do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.
Mr. Deakin then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of Twenty-five thousand pounds for the purposes of the erection of a Memorial in honour of the late Queen Victoria,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered, by leave—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for this day, and that the Bill be passed through its remaining stages this day.
Mr. Deakin moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Batchelor reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.
On the motion of Mr. Deakin the House adopted the Report.
Mr. Deakin moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

6. Price and Bayly Compensation Bill.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 26—
Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Batchelor reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.
Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.
And thereupon the said resolution was read, and is as follows :—

Resolved—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for compensation to be paid to Colonel Price, C.B., and Lieutenant-Colonel Bayly.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.
Ordered—That Mr. Ewing and Mr. Deakin do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.
Mr. Ewing then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide for Compensation to be paid to Colonel Price, C.B., and Lieutenant-Colonel Bayly,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

7. Manufactures Encouragement Bill (No. 3).—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker took the Chair ; Mr. Batchelor reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same with amendments.
Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Bill to pass through all its remaining stages without delay.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Sir William Lyne moved, That the Report from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill be now adopted.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Sir William Lyne moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

8. Electoral Bill (1905).—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Salmon reported that a quorum of Members was not present in the Committee ; whereupon Mr. Speaker counted the House, and a quorum of Members having been obtained, the House again resolved itself into the Committee.
Mr. Speaker again resumed the Chair ; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

9. Message from the Senate.—Pacific Cable.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

Mr. Speaker, *Message No.* 27.

The Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the following resolution, agreed to by the Senate on 7th December, 1905 :—

"That the Government should do everything in its power to make the State-owned Pacific Cable a financial success and an up-to-date business enterprise."

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 12th December, 1905.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

10. Paper.—Mr. Ewing presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Defence Acts 1903-4—Military Forces—Financial and Allowance Regulations—Statutory Rules 1905, No. 77.

11. Alteration of Time of Next Meeting.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until half-past ten o'clock a.m. to-morrow.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

12. Adjournment.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House at half-past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Culpin, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Phillips, Sir John Quick, and Mr. Reid.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 84.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH DECEMBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIES PRESERVATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Sir William Lyne moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

3. SUGAR BOUNTY BILL (1905).—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
Question—put.
The House divided—

Ayes, 40.

Mr. Bamford,	Mr. McColl,
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. McDonald,
Sir Langdon Bonython,	Mr. O'Malley,
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Poynton,
Mr. Chapman,	Sir John Quick,
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Skene,
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Bruce Smith,
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Storrer,
Mr. Gibb,	Mr. David Thomson,
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Webster,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Willis.
Mr. Isaacs,	*Tellers.*
Mr. Kennedy,	
Mr. Knox,	Mr. Hume Cook,
Sir William Lyne,	Mr. Tudor.

Noes, 6.

Mr. Conroy,	*Tellers.*
Mr. Glynn,	
Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. McWilliams.	Mr. Lonsdale.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same with an amendment.
Mr. Isaacs moved, pursuant to contingent notice by Mr. Deakin, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Bill to pass through all its remaining stages without delay.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Sir William Lyne moved, That the Report from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill be now adopted.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Sir William Lyne moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

4. PAPER.—Mr. Ewing presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
Defence Acts 1903–4—Military Forces—Regulations—Amendment of paragraph 123—Statutory Rules 1905, No. 76.

5. ALTERATION OF TIME OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Isaacs moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until half-past ten o'clock a.m. to-morrow.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Isaacs moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at five minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Brown, Mr. Culpin, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kingston, and Mr. Reid.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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No. 85.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 14TH DECEMBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PRINTING COMMITTEE—FOURTH REPORT FROM.—Mr. Poynton, Acting Chairman, brought up the Fourth Report from the Printing Committee.

The Report was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have dealt with all the Papers and Petitions laid on the Table of the House since the last sitting of the Committee.

Your Committee find that the following Papers, presented to both Houses, have been printed by the Senate :—

Defence Acts 1903-4—Military Forces—Statutory Rules 1905, No. 69.

Federal Capital Site—Letter from the Premier of New South Wales to the Prime Minister, dated 8th November, 1905.

Your Committee recommend that the following Papers be printed :—

Federal Capital Site—Correspondence between the Prime Minister and the Premier of New South Wales (25th October to 3rd November, 1905).

Banking Returns—Commonwealth States and New Zealand, 1904-5.

Harvesters Imported—Statement of particulars as to.

A. POYNTON,
Acting Chairman.

House of Representatives,
Committee Room, 13th December, 1905.

Mr. Poynton moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 28.

The Senate has agreed to the Bill returned herewith intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Immigration Restriction Act* 1901,'" with the amendments indicated in the annexed Schedule, with which amendments the Senate desires the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 13th December, 1905.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith in Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had agreed to the amendments made by the Senate.

And the said amendments were read, and are as follow :—

SCHEDULE OF AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

No. 1.—Page 1, after clause 1 insert new clause—
"1A. This Act shall commence on a day to be fixed by Proclamation." Commencement.

No. 2.—Page 1, clause 3, line 16, leave out "more", insert "less"

No. 3.—Page 1, clause 3, line 20, after "language" insert "or languages"

No. 4.—Pages 1 and 2, clause 3, after "days" in line 22 leave out remainder of sub-paragraph (*a*), insert "and, before or after the expiration of such thirty days, both Houses of the Parliament by a resolution, of which notice has been given, have agreed to such regulation."

No. 5.—Page 2, after clause 3, insert new clause—
"3A. Until a regulation prescribing any language or languages under section three of the Principal Act as amended by this Act shall come into force any language authorized by section three of the Principal Act before the commencement of this Act shall be deemed to be a prescribed language within the meaning of that section as so amended." Provision until language prescribed.

No. 6.—Page 2, clause 5, lines 24–26, leave out "and section nine of the Principal Act is further amended by inserting after the word 'owner' in the proviso the word 'agent'."

No. 7.—Page 4, clause 12, lines 12 and 13, leave out "other than a person deemed to be prohibited under section eight of the Principal Act who", insert "who under section three or section five of this Act".

On the motion of Mr. Deakin the House adopted the Report.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—QUEEN VICTORIA MEMORIAL BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 29.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of Twenty-five thousand pounds for the purposes of the erection of a Memorial in honour of the late Queen Victoria,*" to which it has agreed without amendment.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 13th December, 1905.

5. AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIES PRESERVATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. PAPER.—Mr. Chapman presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
Public Service Act 1902—Promotion of Mr. W. C. Harris to be Postmaster at Bunbury, Western Australia—Recommendations, &c., and approval.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 3.

8. ELECTORAL BILL 1905.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

9. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SEAT OF GOVERNMENT BILL (1905).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 32.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to determine more definitely the Seat of Government of the Commonwealth in the neighbourhood of Dalgety, and the territory there within which it shall be, and to provide for the grant to and acceptance by the Commonwealth of the territory, and to provide for other matters in relation thereto.

Government House,
Melbourne, 12th December, 1905.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be forthwith considered in Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.
Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.
And thereupon the said resolution was read, and is as follows:—

Resolved—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to determine more definitely the Seat of Government of the Commonwealth in the neighbourhood of Dalgety, and the territory there within which it shall be, and to provide for the grant to and acceptance by the Commonwealth of the territory, and to provide for other matters in relation thereto.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.
Ordered—That Mr. Groom do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.
Mr. Groom then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to determine more definitely the Seat of Government of the Commonwealth in the neighbourhood of Dalgety, and the territory there within which it shall be, and to provide for the grant to and acceptance by the Commonwealth of the territory, and to provide for other matters in relation thereto,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

10. Adjournment.—Mr. Isaacs moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at seventeen minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present except—Mr. Culpin, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Kingston, and Mr. Reid.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 15TH DECEMBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPER.—Mr. Groom presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Federal Capital Site.—Report by Mr. District-Surveyor Scrivener on the areas near Dalgety, together with Plans.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

3. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND BUILDINGS, 1903–4 AND 1904–5.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 28.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Further Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and four, and recommends an Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Melbourne, 9th December, 1905.

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 29.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and five, and recommends an Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Melbourne, 9th December, 1905.

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 30.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Further Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, and Buildings, for the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and four, and recommends an Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Melbourne, 9th December, 1905.

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 31.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and five, and recommends an Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Melbourne, 9th December, 1905.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered—That the Committee of Supply and the Committee of Ways and Means be made Orders of the Day for to-morrow.

4. STANDING ORDERS.—LAPSED BILLS.—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice, That the following Standing Orders, recommended by the Standing Orders Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives, be adopted by this House, in substitution for existing Standing Orders 214A and 214B :—

214A. Any public Bill which lapses by reason of a Prorogation before it has reached its final stage may be proceeded with in the next ensuing Session at the stage it had reached in the preceding Session, if a periodical election for the Senate or general election for either House has not taken place between such two Sessions, under the following conditions :—

(*a*) If the Bill be in the possession of the House in which it originated, not having been sent to the other House, or, if sent, then returned by Message, it may be proceeded with by resolution of the House in which it is, restoring it to the Notice-paper.

(*b*) If the Bill be in the possession of the House in which it did not originate it may be proceeded with by resolution of the House in which it is, restoring it to the Notice-paper, but such resolution shall not be passed unless a Message has been received from the House in which it originated, requesting that its consideration may be resumed.

214B. Any Bill so restored to the Notice-paper shall thenceforth be proceeded with in both Houses as if its passage had not been interrupted by a Prorogation, and, if finally passed, be presented to the Governor-General for His Majesty's Assent.

214C. Should the motion for restoration to the Notice-paper be not agreed to by the House in which the Bill originated, the Bill may be introduced and proceeded with in the ordinary manner.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. ELECTORAL BILL (1905).—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same with amendments.

Mr. Groom moved, by leave, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clauses 9A, 15, 26B, 27, 28, 42A, 47, 50, and 51.

Mr. Batchelor moved, That clause 17 and Form B be added to the portion of the Bill to be recommitted.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Chanter moved, That clauses 48 and 49 be added to the portion of the Bill to be recommitted.

Question put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 16.		Noes, 17.	
Mr. Bamford,	Mr. O'Malley,	Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Conroy,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Deakin,	Mr. David Thomson,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Tudor,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Watkins.	Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Wilkinson.
Mr. Johnson,		Mr. Frazer,	
Mr. Kennedy,	*Tellers.*	Mr. Groom,	*Tellers.*
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Brown,	Mr. Knox,	
Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Carpenter.	Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Hume Cook,
		Sir William Lyne,	Mr. Storrer.

And so it passed in the negative.

Ordered—That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clauses 9A, 15, 17, 26B, 27, 28, 42A, 47, 50, and 51, and Form B.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker again resumed the Chair ; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had reconsidered the portions of the Bill referred to it, and had agreed to the same with further amendments.

Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to contingent notice by Mr. Deakin, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Bill to pass through all its remaining stages without delay.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Groom moved, That the Reports from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill be now adopted.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

6. EXCISE [SUGAR] TARIFF BILL (1905).—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time,

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same with amendments.

Sir William Lyne moved, pursuant to contingent notice by Mr. Deakin, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Bill to pass through all its remaining stages without delay.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Sir William Lyne moved, That the Report from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill be now adopted.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Sir William Lyne moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

7. Message from the Senate.—Contract Immigrants Bill.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

Mr. Speaker, *Message No.* 30.

The Senate has agreed to the Bill returned herewith intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Immigrants under Contract to perform Manual Labour in the Commonwealth*," with the amendments indicated in the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Senate desires the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 15th December, 1905.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith in Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had agreed to the amendments made by the Senate.
And the said amendments were read, and are as follow :—

Schedule of Amendments made by the Senate.

No. 1.—Page 2, clause 5, lines 4–6, leave out " except in the case of British subjects born in the United Kingdom or their descendants born in any part of the British Empire".

No. 2.—Page 2, clause 5, line 8, after " ability " insert " (but this paragraph does not apply where the contract immigrant is a British subject either born in the United Kingdom or descended from a British subject there born) "

No. 3.—Page 2, clause 7, line 47, after " Commonwealth " insert " or within one year after he has entered the Commonwealth "

No. 4.—Page 3, clause 7, line 1, after " contract " insert " or "

No. 5.—Page 3, after clause 8 insert new clause—

" 8A. Any employer who in the contract wilfully makes any untrue representation, by which the contract immigrant is misled to his detriment, as to the wages, hours, or conditions of labour at the place where the contract is to be performed, shall be guilty of an offence against this Act. Penalty for untrue representations.

Penalty : Twenty pounds."

No. 6.—Page 3, after clause 9 insert new clause—

" 9A. The Minister shall lay on the Table of each House of the Parliament annually a printed return showing— Annual Return of Contracts, &c.

(*a*) The number of contract immigrants admitted into the Commonwealth, the nationality and occupation of such immigrants.
(*b*) The number of employers engaging such contract immigrants and the number of such contract immigrants engaged by each employer.
(*c*) The places at which the contract immigrants have agreed to work.
(*d*) The number of contracts disapproved.
(*e*) The number of contract immigrants refused admission and the reasons for such refusal.

On the motion of Mr. Deakin, the House adopted the report.

8. Paper.—Mr. Speaker presented—

Finance 1904–5.—The Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure during the year ended 30th June, 1905, accompanied by the Report of the Auditor-General.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

9. Joint Library Committee—Report from.—Mr. Deakin, for Mr. Speaker, Chairman, presented a Report from the Joint Library Committee.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

10. Alteration of Day of next Meeting.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at two minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Culpin, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Fowler, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Kingston, Mr. McCay, and Mr. Reid.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SATURDAY, 16TH DECEMBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PATENTS BILL (1905).—Sir William Lyne moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Patents Act* 1903.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
   Sir William Lyne then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the Patents Act* 1903," and moved, That it be now read a first time.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
   Ordered, by leave—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for this day.
   Sir William Lyne moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
   Debate ensued.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
   Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
   Ordered—That the House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

3. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Monday next at half-past ten o'clock a.m.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT BILL (1905).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
   Debate ensued.
   Mr. Conroy moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
   Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
   Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Monday next.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 be postponed until Monday next.

6. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had agreed to certain resolutions.

7. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Sir John Forrest moved, That the Standing Orders be suspended in order to enable all steps to be taken to obtain Supply and to pass the necessary Bills through all their stages without delay.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

8. SUPPLY RESOLUTIONS.—The Resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply were read, and are as follow :—

FURTHER SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1903–4.

Resolved—That the following further sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1903–4 for the several services hereunder specified, viz. :—

	£
I. The Parliament	208
IV. The Department of Home Affairs	77
V. The Department of the Treasury	3,599
VI. The Department of Trade and Customs ..	528
VII. The Department of Defence	565
VIII. The Postmaster-General's Department	1,791

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1904–5.

Resolved—That the following further sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1904–5 for the several services hereunder specified, viz. :—

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I. The Parliament	991
II. The Department of External Affairs	1,438
III. The Attorney-General's Department	135
IV. The Department of Home Affairs	17,545
V. The Department of the Treasury	10,082
Refunds of Revenue	2,475
VI. The Department of Trade and Customs ..	6,345
VII. The Department of Defence	12,971
VIII. The Postmaster-General's Department ..	32,432

FURTHER SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, AND BUILDINGS, 1903–4.

Resolved—That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1903–4, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, and Buildings, a further sum not exceeding £490.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1904–5.

Resolved—That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1904–5, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a further sum not exceeding £52,527.

And the said Resolutions were adopted by the House.

9. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had agreed to certain Resolutions.

10. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTIONS.—The Resolutions reported from the Committee of Ways and Means were read and are as follow :—

FURTHER SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1903–4.

Resolved—That towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year ended 30th June, 1904, a sum not exceeding Six thousand seven hundred and sixty-eight pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1904–5.

Resolved—That towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year ended 30th June, 1905, a sum not exceeding Eighty-four thousand four hundred and fourteen pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

FURTHER SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, AND BUILDINGS, 1903–4.

Resolved—That towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, and Buildings for the year ended 30th June, 1904, a sum not exceeding Four hundred and ninety pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1904–5.

Resolved—That towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year ended 30th June, 1905, a sum not exceeding Fifty-two thousand five hundred and twenty-seven pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

And the said Resolutions were adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir John Forrest do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

11. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1903–4 AND 1904–5.—Sir John Forrest then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to appropriate further sums for the service of the years ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and four and the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and five*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.
On the motion of Sir John Forrest the House adopted the Report.
Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

12. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1903–4 AND 1904–5.—Sir John Forrest also brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to appropriate further sums for the service of the years ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and four and the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and five, for purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.
On the motion of Sir John Forrest, the House adopted the Report.
Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Isaacs moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes to five o'clock p.m., adjourned until Monday next at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Culpin, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Fowler, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Mr. McCay, Mr. McColl, Mr. McDonald, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Page, Mr. Poynton, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Skene, Sir George Turner, Mr. Willis, and Mr. Wilson.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 88.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MONDAY, 18TH DECEMBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. COPYRIGHT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that a quorum of Members was not present in the Committee; whereupon Mr. Speaker counted the House, and a quorum of Members having been obtained, the House again resolved itself into the Committee.
Mr. Speaker again resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same with amendments.
Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to contingent notice by Mr. Deakin, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Bill to pass through all its remaining stages without delay.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Groom moved, That the Report from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill be now adopted.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 and 3 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 4.

4. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT BILL (1905).—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Watson moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—COPYRIGHT BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 32.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Copyright,*" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to Nos. 1, 2, 4, and 5 of the amendments made by the House and has agreed to amendment No. 3 with a consequential amendment in clause 75 as indicated in the annexed Schedule. The Senate desires the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the consequential amendment in clause 75.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 18th December, 1905.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith.
And the said amendment was read, and is as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO WHICH THE SENATE HAS AGREED WITH A CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENT.

No. 3.—Pages 8–9, clause 34, omit this clause.
Amendment to omit clause 34 agreed to with the following consequential amendment in clause 75 :—

In sub-section (3) after "right", in line 3, leave out "nor the right of the proprietor of a newspaper or news agency to bring actions or suits or institute proceedings for infringements or the exclusive right conferred upon him by section thirty-four of this Act."

Mr. Groom moved, That the House agree to the amendment.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUGAR BOUNTY BILL (1905).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 31.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for a Bounty to Growers of Sugar-cane and Beet*" to which it has agreed, with the amendments indicated in the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Senate desires the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 18th December, 1905.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

7. PAPER.—Mr. Ewing presented by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Defence—Report by Captain Collins, Secretary for Defence, on various matters relating to the Canadian Defences and System of Defence Administration.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

9. ALTERATION OF TIME OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until half-past ten o'clock a.m. to-morrow.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at one minute past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Culpin, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Frazer, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lee, Mr. McCay, Mr. McDonald, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Page, Mr. Poynton, Sir John Quick, Mr. Thomas, Sir George Turner, and Mr. Willis.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 19TH DECEMBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment —Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPERS.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Immigration—Memorandum (dated 10th November, 1905) by the Agents-General, prepared at the request of the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Copy of Mail Contract between Messrs. Burns, Philp, and Company Limited and the Commonwealth of Australia for the carriage of mails between Sydney and the New Hebrides, &c.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 2.

4. SUGAR BOUNTY BILL (1905).—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the amendments made by the Senate in this Bill—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had agreed to the amendments made by the Senate, which are as follow :—

SCHEDULE OF AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

No. 1.—Page 1, clause 2, line 6, leave out " Black " insert " Coloured "

No. 2.—Page 1, clause 2, line 10, after " employed " insert " (*a*) "

No. 3.—Page 1, clause 2, line 11, after " or " insert " (*b*) "

No. 4.—Page 1, clause 2, lines 13–15, leave out " (in respect of the cane crop which will be cut in the year 1906) from the commencement of this Act to the delivery of the cane crop for manufacture " insert " (*c*) in the case of cane cut in the year One thousand nine hundred and six, after the expiration of one month after the commencement of this Act."

No. 5.—Page 2, clause 3, line 3, leave out " twelve " insert " thirteen "

No. 6.—Page 2, clause 5, line 11, leave out " black " insert " coloured "

No. 7.—Page 2, clause 5, line 13, leave out " black " insert " coloured "

No. 8.—Page 2, clause 6, line 22, after " the " (second occurring) insert " actual "

No. 9.—Page 2, clause 6, at end of clause add—

" Provided that the rates payable on all such cane or beet delivered during the years 1911 and 1912 shall be respectively two-thirds and one-third of the aforesaid rates."

No. 10.—Page 2, after clause 8 insert the following new clause :—

8A. Every grower of white-grown sugar who claims the bounty payable under this Act shall, in making such claim, certify to the Minister the rate of wages paid to any labour employed by him, other than the labour of members of his family. If the Minister finds that such rate of wages is below the standard rate, paid in the district in which the sugar is grown, to similar white labour engaged in that industry; then the Minister may withhold the whole or any part of the bounty payable.

On the motion of Sir William Lyne the House adopted the Report.

5. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT BILL (1905).—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Sir William Lyne moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for this day at a later hour.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—EXCISE [SUGAR] TARIFF BILL (1905).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 33.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Excise Tariff* 1902,'" and requests the House to amend the Bill as set forth in the annexed Schedule.

W. G. HIGGS,
Deputy-President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 19th December, 1905.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith in Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Wilks reported that the Committee had agreed that the amendment requested by the Senate be made, with a modification, viz. :—

SCHEDULE OF THE REQUEST BY THE SENATE FOR AN AMENDMENT TO BE MADE IN THE EXCISE TARIFF BILL 1905.

Page 1, clause 2, after "Commonwealth," in line 7 of the clause, insert "until the first day of January One thousand nine hundred and thirteen"

Modification of the requested amendment :—

At the end of clause 2 add—

"Provided further that the duty of excise payable on sugar produced from cane delivered for manufacture in the years One thousand nine hundred and eleven and One thousand nine hundred and twelve shall be respectively two-thirds and one-third of the aforesaid rate."

On the motion of Sir William Lyne the House adopted the Report.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Senate accordingly.

7. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Debate interrupted on receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—ELECTORAL BILL (1905).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 34.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the Law relating to Parliamentary Elections*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the amendments made by the House of Representatives therein, with the exception of amendments Nos. 9, 26, 27, and 28, to which the Senate has disagreed for the reasons set forth in the annexed Schedule, and amendments Nos. 40 and 42, to which the Senate has agreed with the amendments indicated in the annexed Schedule.

The Senate desires the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments to amendments Nos. 40 and 42, and its reconsideration of the Bill in respect to the amendments disagreed to.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 19th December, 1905.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith in Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had resolved that the amendments disagreed to by the Senate be not insisted on, and that the amendments made by the Senate to amendments Nos. 40 and 42 be agreed to.

And the said amendments were read, and are as follow :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO WHICH THE SENATE HAS DISAGREED.

No. 9.—Page 4, clause 14, after paragraph (*b*) insert new paragraph :—

(*bb*) appoint such polling-places for a Division outside the Division, but not more than ten miles from its boundary, as he thinks necessary ;

No. 26.—Page 9, clause 28, line 47, omit "or persons in charge of Post-offices", insert "who are permanent officers in the Public Service of the Commonwealth"

No. 27.—Page 9, clause 28, line 49, omit "all Justices of the Peace ;"

No. 28.—Page 10, clause 28, lines 5–6, omit "all legally qualified medical practitioners ;"

Reasons of the Senate for disagreeing to certain Amendments of the House of Representatives.

As to amendment No. 9 :—

Because the power to appoint outside polling-places is contained in clause 25 (*b*) of the Bill.

As to amendments Nos. 26, 27, and 28 :—

Because it is undesirable to curtail the facilities for voting by post.

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO WHICH THE SENATE HAS AGREED WITH AMENDMENTS.

No. 40.—Page 14, after clause 50 insert new clauses :—

50A. After section two hundred and two of the Principal Act the following sections are inserted :—

"202A.—(1.) No party to the petition shall, except by consent of all parties, be represented by counsel or solicitor. Counsel or solicitor.

(2.) In no case shall more than one counsel or one solicitor appear on behalf of any party.

202B. The Court may award costs against an unsuccessful party to the petition. Costs.

Provided that the amount of costs to be paid by any party shall in no case exceed the sum of One hundred pounds."

50B. Section two hundred and six of the Principal Act is amended by omitting the words "or until the High Court is established, the Governor-General". Power to make rules of Court.

Amendment to insert new clauses agreed to with the following amendment in sub-clause 202A, viz. :—

In line 2, after "parties" insert "or by leave of the Court"

No. 42.—Page 15, at end of clause 51 add—

206B.—(1.) Any person who having announced himself within three months before the day of election as a candidate for election to the Parliament, shall before the poll for the election is closed offer promise or give directly or indirectly to or for any club or other association, any gift, donation or prize, shall be guilty of an offence against this section. Penalty : Five pounds in addition to any other penalty provided by law. Gifts by candidate.

(2.) No proceedings shall be taken for a contravention of this section except within three months after the act complained of.

206C.—(1.) Any person who makes or publishes any false and defamatory statement in relation to the personal character or conduct of a candidate shall be guilty of an offence against this Act, and shall be liable on conviction to a penalty of One hundred pounds or six months' imprisonment. Defamation of candidate.

Provided always that it shall be a defence to a prosecution for an offence against this sub-section if the defendant proves that he had reasonable ground for believing and did in fact believe the statement made or published by him to be true.

(2.) Any person who makes a false and defamatory statement in relation to the personal character or conduct of a candidate in contravention of this section may be restrained by injunction at the suit of the candidate aggrieved, from repeating the statement or any similar false and defamatory statement.

206D. Telegrams relating to elections and containing only the names of divisions, names of candidates, and the numbers of votes polled for each candidate, and lodged for transmission on the day of or before noon on the day after the day of election may, subject to regulations, be transmitted on payment of the rates prescribed in the Second Part of the Second Schedule to the *Post and Telegraph Rates Act* 1902." Rates of telegrams.

After section two hundred and seven of the Principal Act the following section is inserted :—

"207A. Any candidate duly nominated for election as a Senator or a Member of the House of Representatives shall, subject to regulations and to the payment of the charges prescribed in the First Schedule to the *Post and Telegraph Rates Act* 1902, be entitled to transmit through the post one copy of an election address or manifesto relating to such candidature, to each elector whose name appears on the roll for the State or Division, as the case may be, for which the candidate is nominated." Rate for posting election addresses.

Amendment agreed to, with the following amendment, viz. :—

Leave out—

"After section two hundred and seven of the Principal Act the following section is inserted :—

'207A. Any candidate duly nominated for election as a Senator or a Member of the House of Representatives shall, subject to regulations and to the payment of the charges prescribed in the First Schedule to the *Post and Telegraph Rates Act* 1902, be entitled to transmit through the post one copy of an election address or manifesto relating to such candidature, to each elector whose name appears on the roll for the State or Division, as the case may be, for which the candidate is nominated.'" Rate for posting election addresses.

On the motion of Mr. Groom the House adopted the Report.

9. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT BILL (1905).—Debate interrupted on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time, resumed.
Mr. McCay moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 3 be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 4.

11. PRICE AND BAYLY COMPENSATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Ewing moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put.
The House divided—

Ayes, 22.		Noes, 6.	
Mr. Bamford,	Sir William Lyne,	Mr. Fisher,	*Tellers.*
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. McColl,	Mr. Kennedy,	
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. O'Malley,	Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Carpenter,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Ronald,	Mr. Maloney.	Mr. Tudor.
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Salmon,		
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Bruce Smith,		
Mr. Gibb,	Mr. Wilkinson,		
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Wilson.		
Mr. Higgins,			
Mr. Isaacs,	*Tellers.*		
Mr. Knox,	Mr. Hume Cook,		
Mr. Liddell,	Mr. Kelly.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker on six occasions resumed the Chair, attention having been called in Committee to the absence of a quorum, and a quorum of Members having been obtained on each occasion, the House again resolved itself into the Committee.
Mr. Speaker again resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

12. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—EXCISE [SUGAR] TARIFF BILL (1905).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 36.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Excise Tariff* 1902,'" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the modification made by the House in the requested amendment in clause 2, and has agreed to the Bill.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 19th December, 1905.

13. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL, 1903–4 AND 1904–5.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 35.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to appropriate further sums for the service of the years ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and four and the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and five,*" to which it has agreed without requests.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 19th December, 1905.

14. HOUSE COMMITTEE—JOINT REPORT.—Mr. Deakin presented a Report from the Joint House Committee as to the working of the Refreshment Rooms.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

15. ALTERATION OF DAY AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Thursday next, at a quarter to three o'clock p.m.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

16. PATENTS BILL (1905).—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

17. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL, 1903–4 AND 1904–5.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 37.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to appropriate further sums for the service of the years ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and four and the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and five, for purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.,*" to which it has agreed without amendment.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 19th December, 1905.

18. PAPER.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

British New Guinea—Report on, for year ending 30th June, 1905.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

19. PRICE AND BAYLY COMPENSATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Salmon reported that a quorum of Members was not present in the Committee ; whereupon Mr. Speaker counted the House, and a quorum of Members having been obtained, the House again resolved itself into the Committee.

Mr. Speaker again resumed the Chair ; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, on Thursday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

20. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Thursday next at a quarter to three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Culpin, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Frazer, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lee, Mr. McDonald, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Page, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Poynton, Sir John Quick, Mr. Storrer, Mr. Thomas, Mr. David Thomson, and Mr. Willis.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 21st DECEMBER, 1905.

1. Arrival of Message from His Excellency the Governor-General Announced.—The arrival of a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General having been announced—

2. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

3. Papers.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

High Commissioner in London—The Office of.—Memorandum by the Agents-General, furnished at the request of the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth.

Defence Scheme for the Commonwealth.—Copy of Telegram to the Secretary, Imperial Defence Committee, London, and reply thereto, respecting the preparation of a general scheme of local Australian Defence.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

Mr. Deakin presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Audit Act 1901—Transfers of amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council—Financial Year 1904–5 (dated 19th December, 1905).

4. Message from His Excellency the Governor-General.—The Message from His Excellency was then delivered by the Usher of the Senate—

Mr. Speaker,

His Excellency the Governor-General desires the immediate attendance of Members of this Honorable House in the Senate Chamber.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with Members of the House, went to attend the Governor-General, when His Excellency was pleased to notify the Royal Assent to the following Bills, viz. :—

"*An Act to appropriate further sums for the service of the years ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and four and the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and five.*"

"*An Act to amend the Law relating to Parliamentary Elections.*"

"*An Act relating to Copyright.*"

After which His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of the Parliament as follows :—

Gentlemen :

It is my privilege to release you from arduous labours, which have resulted in the passage of an unusual number of useful and important measures, including the legislation for the Session promised by my Ministers on assuming office after the Session had commenced. They will now be free to devote their attention for the remainder of this Parliament to the progressive Australian policy which they announced five months ago.

The difficulties inseparably connected with the Federation of six separate and independent States into one federal union are being gradually overcome. There is good reason to hope that a time is arriving when the Commonwealth and the States will be found in active and harmonious co-operation in their respective spheres of authority in promoting the welfare of Australia.

I am happy to congratulate you upon the fact that the country has rapidly recovered from the losses sustained by the drought a few years ago, and that our financial position has been greatly improved by the increased volume and prices of our products. The Commonwealth has entered upon an era of prosperity. Trade is flourishing. The last two years are unexampled in the yield and value of our primary productions.

The agreement made with the Eastern Extension Company in 1903, subject to the ratification of Parliament, the consideration of which was postponed to permit of the holding of a Conference in London of the partners in the Pacific Cable, has now been ratified by Parliament, subject to the expressed condition that the separate State contracts with that Company, made prior to Federation, are terminated, and that the federal agreement shall determine on 31st December, 1915.

Contracts with the Orient Steam Navigation Company for the conveyance of mails between Australia and Europe, *via* Suez ; and with the Union Steam-ship Company of New Zealand for an extension of the Vancouver Mail Service for a further term, have been approved by you.

An appropriation of £25,000 has been made to allow the people of Australia to join with their fellow countrymen in Great Britain and other parts of the Empire in the erection of a memorial in London, in grateful recognition and affectionate remembrance of the personal worth and beneficent reign of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria.

A valuable report relating to the representation of the Commonwealth in London has been laid before you, and will be carefully considered by my Advisers during the recess, with a view to taking such action as may be desirable in the interests of Australia.

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

Unfortunately, the definition of the territory of the Seat of Government has not been completed, but it is hoped that the pressing question involved, which has been the subject of prolonged enquiries and exhaustive debates for several years, will be determined by this Parliament.

The Representation Act completes the machinery of the Constitution relating to electoral representation by making provision for definite periods at which the determination of the number of Members for each State in the House of Representatives shall be fixed.

My Advisers regret that the Bill for the encouragement of manufactures by means of the duties inserted in the Tariff conditionally upon the iron industry being sufficiently established, and the Bill for the preservation of Australian Industries recently submitted did not become law during the Session. Measures similar in character will be introduced as early as possible. In the meantime, my Advisers will take such action as is possible and necessary to secure the interests of Australian producers and consumers against the unfair encroachment of foreign or domestic Commercial Trusts, which operate to the detriment of all classes of the community.

Standing Orders have been passed which, while recognising the right of every honorable Member to the full expression of his views, have diminished the opportunities for the obstruction of public business hitherto possible under the Temporary Standing Orders.

Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives :

I thank you in the name of His Majesty for the liberal Supplies which you have granted for the services of the Commonwealth.

An urgent need of the Commonwealth is the adoption by Parliament of a definite and comprehensive scheme of defence adapted to the special circumstances of Australia. For this purpose it is necessary that the proportionate strength of our Naval and Military Forces should be determined in relation to the protection of our coasts. Advice upon the latest methods of port and harbor defence has been sought from the highest authority, and I now have pleasure in informing you that the Imperial Council of Defence has consented to assist the Government in this regard with expert opinion.

Public interest is being generally manifested in the efficiency of our land forces. Steps have been taken which it is confidently believed will place the Cadet and Senior Cadet Corps of the various States of the Commonwealth upon an uniform and satisfactory basis. A large consignment of new rifles is being obtained, and the number of citizens connected with Rifle Clubs is being considerably augmented. The supplies of cordite have been supplemented.

The Immigration Restriction Act, embodying the policy of a White Australia, has been amended so as to insure more effective administration while removing unnecessary discriminations in its terms.

The regulation of the introduction of contract labour is now provided for in a separate Act, which, while offering a special exemption favoring immigrants of our own blood, insures to all who arrive here under contract the benefit of Australian conditions, and safeguards them against misrepresentation.

The encouragement of desirable settlers from the Mother Country by conjoint action in association with the States as proprietors of the soil will continue to be a principal aim of the Commonwealth. A practical method of accomplishing it should be devised at an early date.

The passage of the Bill extending the period for which a Bounty upon Sugar will be paid to the growers of cane who employ white labour must assist the settlement upon our rich northern coasts of a larger population of our own race.

The Act providing for the acceptance of Papua as a Territory establishes a Constitution for its Government which, for the first time, places its administration and development under the effective control of the Commonwealth.

The Secret Commissions and Commerce Acts will materially assist in promoting the fair dealing that fosters production and facilitates trade.

The former forbids any secret loading of expenses by which the fruits of the producer's labour may be diverted to the illicit profit of his agents, and at the same time supports the honest action of agents who deal justly with their principals.

The latter enactment will assist to prevent the exportation of inferior goods to the detriment of our export trade, and to protect the public by requiring a proper description on goods or packages containing imported articles.

The Census and Statistics Act will enable the Commonwealth to establish a central bureau of statistics, collect the census, issue returns with respect to the matters under its special jurisdiction, and collate information as to the progress of Australia.

A measure has been passed providing for a uniform law for the registration of Trade Marks and their protection throughout the Commonwealth, thus doing away with the complexity and expense occasioned by the necessity of dealing with them in six States under six different laws. The enactment extends equal consideration and rights to all who participate in the production of Australian commodities, represses fraud in relation to trade marks, and provides better guarantees to the public of the origin and quality of merchandise.

A valuable Amending Electoral Act has been placed upon the Statute Book, which provides appropriate machinery for perfecting administration for the co-operation of the Federal and State Governments in electoral matters and for more effectively carrying out the intentions of Parliament.

The Copyright Act contains an uniform copyright law which covers literary, musical, dramatic and artistic copyright throughout the Commonwealth. This measure, framed with due regard to the latest English drafts for legislation and the international aspect of the subject comprises numerous advantages that will be appreciated by authors, artists, and publishers, as well as the public.

Among other useful measures that have been passed may be mentioned those relating to Life Assurance, Wireless Telegraphy, and providing for the incorporations of amendments in all reprints of Acts.

I now declare this Parliament prorogued until the 31st day of January, 1906.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—The following Members were present :—Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Hume Cook, Mr. Crouch, Mr. Deakin, Mr. Fisher, Sir Frederick Holder, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Knox, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Maloney, Mr. Mauger, Mr. McLean, Mr. O'Malley, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Ronald, Mr. Skene, and Mr. Tudor.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 70.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 12TH OCTOBER, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 21.

The following Bills, intituled :—

"*An Act relating to the Acquisition by the Commonwealth of Land required for Public Purposes and for dealing with Land so acquired and for other purposes connected therewith*";
"*An Act relating to Duties of Customs*"—*Customs Tariff* 1906 ;
"*An Act to amend the Excise Tariff* 1905";
"*An Act relating to Duties of Excise*"—*Excise Tariff* 1906 ;
"*An Act relating to Preferential Duties of Customs on certain Goods the produce or manufacture of the British Colonies or Protectorates in South Africa which are included within the South African Customs Union*";
"*An Act to amend the Law relating to Parliamentary Elections*";
"*An Act to amend the Patents Act* 1903";
"*An Act to amend the Excise Tariff* 1902";
"*An Act relating to Spirits*";
"*An Act to amend the Pacific Island Labourers Act* 1901";

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Acts.

Government House,
Melbourne, 12th October, 1906.

3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—RESERVATION OF ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 22.

A Bill intituled "*An Act relating to Duties of Customs*" and known as the "*Customs Tariff* (*British Preference*) 1906", as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has reserved the said Bill for the significati n of His Majesty's pleasure thereon.

Government House,
Melbourne, 12th October, 1906.

4. PAPERS.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Banking Returns of the various States of the Commonwealth and New Zealand, for the quarter ended 30th June, 1906.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Deakin presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act 1905—
Regulations—Statutory Rules, 1906, No. 84.
Amendment of Regulation No. 8—Statutory Rules, 1906, No. 85.

5. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—A Message was delivered by the Usher of the Senate.

MR. SPEAKER,

His Excellency the Governor-General desires the attendance of the House of Representatives in the Chamber of the Senate, forthwith.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with Members of the House, went to attend the Governor-General, when His Excellency was pleased to notify the Royal Assent to the following Bill :—

"*An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and seven and to appropriate the supplies granted for such year in this session of the Parliament.*"

After which His Excellency was pleased to make a speech to both Houses of the Parliament as follows :—

GENTLEMEN :

1. I am pleased to be able to release you from earnest labours, rendered more arduous by the obligation to close the session as soon as possible in order to expedite the elections.

2. Fortunately, I am able to congratulate the people of the whole of Australia upon the plentiful and seasonable rains with which we have been favored. The prosperity of the continent in production, exchange, finance, and accumulation, surpasses anything enjoyed since the establishment of Federation.

3. The Second Parliament of the Commonwealth, though commencing under serious disabilities owing to the existence of three independent parties, has, during the last two sessions, proved fruitful in practical measures of great value to the community. With the acceptance during the next Parliament of the remaining administrative responsibilities conferred upon you by the Constitution, the Commonwealth will enter into the full enjoyment of its powers.

4. A measure has been passed for the preservation of Australian Industries ; the repression of destructive monopolies ; and the prevention of dumping of imported goods on these shores. It prohibits contracts or combinations in restraint of trade or commerce to the detriment of the public, and aims at maintaining a fair, active, and healthy competition in the industrial and commercial world.

5. Legislative effect has been given, with some modifications, to certain valuable Reports of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the working of the Customs Tariff and its effect upon Australian industries. My Advisers regret that time did not permit of further reports being made and dealt with, though the necessities of other industries and of the desirability of meeting them without delay were fully recognised.

6. As a preliminary step to the establishment of Preferential Trade relations with the mother country, a Tariff advantage in the markets of the Commonwealth was proposed to certain of her manufactures. My Advisers earnestly trust that their efforts may lead to closer commercial relations and foster the sentiment of unity between the United Kingdom and the self-governing dominions.

7. A mutual concession of preferences has been arranged with South Africa, from which both countries will reap benefits. This will afford another object-lesson of the potentialities of Intra-Imperial Preferential Trade.

8. The negotiations of My Advisers with the late Prime Minister of New Zealand for Preferential Trade relations between that colony and the Commonwealth resulted in resolutions being approved by them which were welcomed in this Parliament ; but, as they were not acceptable to New Zealand, the project has been postponed.

9. Provision has been made for the appointment of two additional Judges to the High Court, which has now acquired the numerical strength appropriate to its status as one of the tribunals of highest judicial authority in the Empire. The Court as constituted will be enabled to efficiently exercise its appellate and original jurisdiction, and, at the same time, to permit one of its members to preside in the Arbitration Court designed for the purpose of securing industrial peace.

10. A contract has been entered into for a new line of specially-constructed steamers to carry the Australian mails to and from Great Britain and Europe. The vessels will be registered in Australia, fly the Australian flag, give a faster mail service, and afford much larger accommodation for perishable products.

11. A measure providing for the taking of a Referendum for proposed alterations of the Constitution has become law. The first reference under it to the electors of Australia will be made immediately upon a proposal to change the date upon which Senators commence their term of office. If this be assented to the effect will be to allow the triennial elections to be held in the autumn instead of in the summer as heretofore.

12. The financial relations of the Commonwealth and the States between themselves and to the holders of their debentures are among the most important matters now demanding consideration in the interests of Australia. Your Advisers deplore the fact that a determination of these relations has been deferred. A proposed alteration of the Constitution extending the powers of the Parliament to permit the taking over of the whole of the debts of the States not having obtained an absolute majority in one House cannot now be submitted to the electors.

13. My Ministers regard it as unfortunate that the authority to levy special duties for specific purposes, although approved by a majority of votes in both Houses, failed to secure in the Senate the absolute majority required by the Constitution, in order that the proposal might be submitted to the people. My Advisers were anxious to obtain this power for the purpose of providing without delay for the payment of Federal Old-Age Pensions.

14. The discussion of the financial situation by the Conference of Ministers of the several States now sitting in Melbourne will, it is believed, contribute to a better understanding of the imperative urgency of early action, so far as that may be possible. Until the Constitution is amended any advance in this direction must necessarily be of a limited character.

15. A Lands Acquisition Act has been passed, re-enacting the *Property for Public Purposes Acquisition Act* 1902, providing for the simplification of procedure in effecting more speedily the settlement of claims for compensation for property acquired by the Commonwealth. Certain administrative difficulties have been removed, and the machinery clauses amended, in the light of the practical experience gained.

16. A proposal has been made to South Australia for the transfer of the Northern Territory to the Commonwealth, involving the ultimate construction of railways from Port Augusta to Kalgoorlie and from Pine Creek to the southern boundary of the Territory. Owing to the necessary closing of the session, a Bill for the survey of a route for the western line has not yet been approved by Parliament.

17. The extremely valuable report of the Imperial Defence Committee enables the Government to review and revise the whole of our system of Defence, so as to considerably reduce the previously estimated cost of our fortifications by a re-adjustment of their armaments.

18. But, in addition to the recommendations of the Imperial Defence Committee, it is proposed to provide for the protection of our harbors and coastal commerce by obtaining torpedo boats and destroyers, some of which, if possible, will be constructed in Australia.

19. Important alterations in the conditions under which Australians serve in the Imperial Squadron have been suggested by the Naval Commander-in-Chief, which would provide a highly-trained body of men available for service upon the local Floating Defences or for promotion in the Royal Navy.

20. Large additions have been made during the last twelve months, both to the strength of the Cadets and Rifle Clubs and to the stores of weapons and war materiel which cannot at present be obtained within the Commonwealth.

21. The cost of the Land and Sea Forces will be carefully investigated to insure the utmost economy consistent with efficiency. It is confidently believed that the net result of the re-organization now proceeding will be highly advantageous to Australia.

22. The Act relating to Industrial Designs completes the legislation on the related subjects of Patents, Trade Marks, and Designs, and qualifies the Commonwealth to take advantage of the International Convention for the protection of industrial property.

23. A measure has been passed providing for the establishment of a Meteorological Department, and authorizing agreements with the States for work of this character hitherto undertaken by them, the object being to assist the agricultural, pastoral, commercial, and shipping interests; by enabling Australian forecasts to be issued, meteorological records to be taken, and storm warnings to be published.

24. Steps are being taken by the Commonwealth, by arrangement with the Government of Queensland, for the repatriation of the Pacific Island Labourers in keeping with the terms of their original engagements under which they were brought to Australia. The assistance of the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific in carrying out this duty has been generously tendered.

25. Provision has now been made to relieve those using the telegraphic service between Tasmania and the mainland of the cable charge hitherto levied, thus placing the island State in this respect on precisely the same footing as her sister States.

26. My Advisers regret not to be able to inform you that the Convention providing for the future control of the New Hebrides has been agreed upon, or that a joint protectorate over the group by the Imperial Government and the Republic of France has been proclaimed.

27. The Territory of Papua, having come under the control of the Commonwealth, is being governed under the Constitution passed in 1905. An inquiry into the best method for its administration is proceeding, and action to promote settlement and cultivation is about to be taken.

28. At the request of the Government of New South Wales several fresh sites approved by its Parliament have been inspected by Federal representatives. Owing to the delay which these visits occasioned, the Bill defining the precise area of the selected Seat of Government could not be further proceeded with this session.

29. The Bill providing for the payment of Bounties to encourage the establishment of new and valuable primary industries which can readily be developed, though approved in one Chamber, has not been passed into law. It would, in the opinion of My Advisers, have greatly conduced to the permanent and profitable settlement of portions of Australia not yet utilized.

30. My Advisers regret that it was not possible to give effect to their proposals for the imposition of uniform postal rates throughout the Commonwealth by the introduction of the Penny Post in Australia and to other parts of the British Empire.

31. I thank you in the name of His Majesty for liberal Supplies granted for the services of the Commonwealth.

32. An Imperial Conference, to be attended by the Prime Ministers of the self-governing Dominions under the Crown, has been summoned for April, 1907. Your Ministers have forwarded a list of important subjects for discussion.

33. A Navigation Conference, upon which Australia will be represented, will be held in London to consider the best means of bringing the Navigation Laws of the Empire into unity.

34. A sum having voted towards the encouragement of suitable immigration, the preliminaries necessary for commencing operations in London for bringing the many exceptional

advantages that Australia possesses under the notice of those who are seeking new homes will be completed with as much expedition and upon as large a scale as is warranted by the present inducements to settlers offered by the States.

35. Resolutions for the purpose of giving effect to the recommendation of the Commissioners appointed in accordance with the provisions of the Electoral Act, for the redistribution of electorates throughout the Commonwealth, have been adopted, and the new boundaries and divisions will be observed at the elections shortly to take place.

36. New regulations for the introduction of the "toll system" in connexion with future subscribers to the Telephone System will shortly be in operation. It will then be possible for subscribers, particularly in country districts, to secure telephonic communication at much lower annual rates than have hitherto been levied.

37. I now declare this Parliament closed until the 31st day of October, 1906.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bamford, Mr. Batchelor, Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Conroy, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Fisher, Sir John Forrest, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Frazer, Mr. Fuller, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Harper, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lee, Mr. Lonsdale, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McCay, Mr. McColl, Mr. Page, Mr. Poynton, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Storrer, Mr. Thomas, Mr. David Thomson, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Sir George Turner, Mr. Watson, Mr. Webster, Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. Wilks, Mr. Willis, and Mr. Wilson.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 69.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH OCTOBER, 1906.

1. The House met this day at half-past three o'clock in the afternoon, the meeting having been postponed to that time by Mr. Speaker under the resolution passed by the House at its last meeting.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PRINTING COMMITTEE—FOURTH REPORT FROM.—Mr. Watkins, for the Chairman, brought up the Fourth Report from the Printing Committee.

The Report was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have dealt with all the Papers and Petitions laid on the Table of the House since the last meeting of the Committee.

Your Committee find that the following Papers, presented to both Houses, have been printed by the Senate :—

Defence—Report by the Inspector-General, Major-General H. Finn.
Defence Department—Report giving the History of the Department.
Defence—
Instructions to Captain W. R. Creswell *re* Visit to England.
Report of Captain W. R. Creswell on Visit to England.

Your Committee recommend that the following Papers be printed :—

Preferential Duties on British Goods—Comparative value of Articles Imported—Return to Order.
Lands Acquisition Bill—Observations by the Attorney-General for the Commonwealth upon a Memorandum by the Attorney-General for New South Wales, &c., &c.
International Postal Congress, Rome, April–May, 1906—Report by the Postmaster-General.

D. WATKINS,
For Chairman.

House of Representatives,
Committee Room, 5th October, 1906.

Mr. Watkins moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

3. PAPERS.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Colonial Conference.—Subjects suggested for discussion.
Federal Capital Site.—Further Correspondence between the Prime Minister and the Premier of New South Wales (14th September to 6th October, 1906).
High Court.—Correspondence between the Prime Minister and the Chief Justice of South Australia.
Naval Agreement.—Correspondence between the Commonwealth and the Imperial Governments *re*.
Surplus Revenue returnable by the Commonwealth to Tasmania.—Correspondence between the Prime Minister and the Premier of Tasmania.

Royal Commission on Customs and Excise Tariffs—
Presentation of further instalment of Evidence : Summary of subjects covered by the Minutes of Evidence so far presented.

Minutes of Evidence—
Supplement to Vols. II., III., and IV.—Div. III.—Sugar ; Div. IV.—Agricultural Products and Groceries; Div. V.—Apparel and Textiles ; and Div. VI.—Metals and Machinery.
Vol. V., Div. VII.—Oils, Paints, and Varnishes ; Div. VIII.—Earthenware, Cement, China, Glass, and Stone ; Div. IX.—Drugs and Chemicals ; Div. X.—Wood, Wicker, and Cane.
Vol. VI., Div. XI.—Jewellery and Fancy Goods ; Div. XII.—Leather and Rubber ; Div. XIII.—Paper and Stationery ; Div. XIV.—Vehicles ; Div. XV.—Musical Instruments ; and Div. XVI.—Miscellaneous. Also General Evidence.

Sir John Forrest presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
A Proposal for the Transfer of the States Debts.—Memorandum by the Hon. William Knox, M.P.
Commonwealth Financial Problems and their Solution, by the Hon. Robert Harper, M.P.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
Public Service Act 1902—
Second Report on the Commonwealth Public Service, issued by the Commissioner.
Regulation amended—No. 148—Vacancies—Statutory Rules, 1906, No. 83.

Mr. Ewing presented, pursuant to the direction of several Acts of Parliament—
Defence Acts 1903–4—
Military Forces—Financial and Allowance Regulations—Amendment of paragraph 168—Statutory Rules, 1906, No. 82.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
Mr. W. P. Hallam : Services in regard to Telephone Systems.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 12th September, 1906.

4. Message from the Senate.—Excise Tariff [Stripper Harvesters, etc.] Bill.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

Mr. Speaker, *Message No.* 24.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Duties of Excise*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill as amended by the House at the request of the Senate.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 5th October, 1906.

5. Message from the Senate.—Lands Acquisition Bill.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

Message No. 25.

Mr. Speaker,

The Senate has agreed to the amendments made by the House of Representatives in the Bill for "*An Act relating to the Acquisition by the Commonwealth of Land required for Public Purposes and for dealing with Land so acquired and for other purposes connected therewith.*"

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 5th October, 1906.

6. Message from the Senate.—Customs Tariff [Stripper Harvesters, etc.] Bill.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

Message No. 27.

Mr. Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Duties of Customs*," to which it has agreed without requests.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 8th October, 1906.

7. Message from the Senate.—Excise Tariff [Sugar] Bill.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

Message No. 29.

Mr. Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the Excise Tariff* 1905,'" to which it has agreed without request.

R. C. BAKER.
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 9th October, 1906.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CUSTOMS TARIFF (SOUTH AFRICAN PREFERENCE) BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 31.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Preferential Duties of Customs on certain Goods the produce or manufacture of the British Colonies or Protectorates in South Africa which are included within the South African Customs Union*," to which it has agreed without request.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 9th October, 1906.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SPIRITS BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 26.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Spirits*," and acquaints the House of Representatives that the Senate has agreed to the amendment upon its amendment No. 16, and to the consequential amendment of the House of Representatives.

The Senate does not insist upon its amendment No. 6, disagreed to by the House of Representatives.

The Senate insists upon its amendments Nos. 4 and 5, disagreed to by the House of Representatives, and requests the reconsideration of the Bill in respect to those amendments.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 5th October, 1906.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith in Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had dealt with the said amendments as follow :—

SCHEDULE OF AMENDMENTS MADE AND INSISTED ON BY THE SENATE.

No. 4.—Page 3, clause 3, line 5, leave out "forty-five", insert "thirty-five".
No. 5.—Page 3, clause 3, lines 20 and 21, leave out "forty-five", insert "thirty-five".

Amendments Nos. 4 and 5 : —In each case omission of "forty-five" agreed to : insertion of "thirty-five" disagreed to, and "forty" inserted.

On the motion of Mr. Deakin the House adopted the Report.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—EXCISE TARIFF [SPIRITS] BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 28.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Excise Tariff* 1902,'" and acquaints the House of Representatives that the Senate has considered the Message of that House, dated 3rd October, 1906, in reference to such Bill, and has agreed to the modification of its requested amendment No. 2.

The Senate has resolved to press its requested amendments Nos. 4, 5, and 6, as originally requested.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 8th October, 1906.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith in Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair ; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had dealt with the said requested amendments as follow :—

SCHEDULE OF AMENDMENTS REQUESTED AND PRESSED BY THE SENATE.

No. 4, page 2, The Schedule, item (4), leave out "45", insert "35".
No. 5, page 2, The Schedule, item (5), leave out "45", insert "35".
No. 6, page 2, The Schedule, item (5), leave out "11s.", insert "12s.".

Requested amendments Nos. 4 and 5 :—In each case requested amendment made as to the omission of "45" : insertion of "35" not made, but "40" inserted in place thereof.

Requested amendment No. 6 made.

On the motion of Mr. Deakin the House adopted the Report.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Senate, amended accordingly.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PATENTS BILL (1906).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

Message No. 30.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Patents Act*, 1903,'" to which it has agreed with the amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 9th October, 1906.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith in Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had dealt with the said amendment as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE.

Page 2, after clause 3, add new clause :—

"4. No application shall be revived under this Act if the Commissioner is satisfied that the invention is already patented in Australia, or that another application for the same invention has been lodged and will be unfairly prejudiced."

Application not to be revived under certain conditions.

Amendment agreed to with the following amendment—Line 1, after "Commissioner" insert "or on appeal from him the Law Officer".

On the motion of Mr. Isaacs the House adopted the Report.

12. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker.

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General.

Message No. 18.

A Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the submission to the Electors of proposed Laws for the alteration of the Constitution*," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
Melbourne, 8th October, 1906.

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General.

Message No. 19.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to validate the Electoral Divisions of the State of New South Wales*," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
Melbourne, 8th October, 1906.

13. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PACIFIC ISLAND LABOURERS BILL (1906).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 32.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Pacific Island Labourers Act* 1901,'" to which it has agreed with the amendments indicated in the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 10th October, 1906.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith in Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had dealt with the said amendments as follow:—

SCHEDULE OF AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

No. 1.—Page 1, clause 2, sub-clause (2), leave out paragraph (*a*), insert—

"(*a*) general certificate to be issued only to a Pacific Island labourer who proves to the satisfaction of the Minister—

(i) That he was introduced into Australia prior to the first day of September, One thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine ; or

(ii) That he is of such extreme age, or is suffering from such bodily infirmity as to be unable to obtain a livelihood if returned to his native island ; or

(iii) That having been married before the ninth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and six, to a native of some island other than his own, he cannot be deported without risk to the life of either himself or his family ; or

(iv) That he has been married before the ninth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and six, to a female not a native of the Pacific Islands ; or

(v) That he was on the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and six, and still is, registered as the beneficial owner of a freehold in Queensland ; or

(vi) That he has been continuously resident in Australia for a period of not less than twenty years prior to the thirty-first day of December, One thousand nine hundred and six ; and"

No. 2.—Page 2, clause 2, sub-clause 2, paragraph (*b*), in line 1, leave out "certificates," insert "certificate," in line 3 after "to" (second occurring) insert "a," and leave out "labourers" and insert "labourer," in line 5 leave out "their," insert "his," and leave out "islands" and insert "island"—as consequential on amendments in paragraph (*a*).

No. 3.—Page 2, clause 2, line 7, before "certificate" insert "special".

No. 4.—Page 2, clause 2, line 7, leave out "(whether General or special)".

No. 5.—Page 2, clause 2, at end of clause add new sub-clause—

"(4) A general certificate under this section shall, subject to the terms and conditions expressed in the certificate, have the effect of excepting the Pacific Island labourer mentioned therein from any specified provisions of this Act, but may be cancelled by the Minister if at any time he has reason to think such certificate has been obtained by false and fraudulent representation."

No. 6.—Page 2, after clause 2, add new clause—

"3. Any person aiding or abetting any Pacific Island labourer in the obtaining a certificate of exemption by means of false and fraudulent representation to the Minister shall be deemed guilty of an offence against this Act. Aiding and abetting the obtaining a certificate.

Penalty : Fifty pounds, or three months' imprisonment, or both." Penalty.

Amendment No. 1 agreed to with the following amendment :—In proposed new paragraph (*a*) omit the last word "and", and insert "or whose name the Minister directs to be included in a list to be laid before both Houses of the Parliament ; and".

Amendments Nos. 2 to 6 inclusive agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. Deakin the House adopted the Report.

14. Message from the Senate.—Electoral [Advertisements] Bill.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

Mr. Speaker, *Message No.* 33.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Parliamentary Elections*," to which it has agreed with the amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 10th October, 1906.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith in Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had agreed to the amendment made by the Senate.

And the said amendment was read, and is as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE.

Clause 2, lines 13-15, *leave out* "in lieu thereof, the words '(other than an advertisement in a newspaper announcing the holding of a meeting)'", *insert* "after the word 'notice' the words '(other than the announcement by advertisement in a newspaper of the holding of a meeting)'".

On the motion of Mr. Groom the House adopted the Report.

15. Message from the Senate.—Customs Tariff (British Preference) Bill.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

Mr. Speaker, *Message No.* 23.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Duties of Customs*," and requests the House to amend the Bill as set forth in the annexed schedule.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 5th October, 1906.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith in Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. McDonald stated that the Tellers in a Division in the Committee had certified that there were 18 Ayes and 6 Noes, and that therefore he had to report that there was not a quorum present—

Mr. Speaker thereupon ruled that 24 Members voting on the Division, and the Chairman being in the Chair, a quorum, under the provisions of the Constitution, was present in the Committee.

Mr. McDonald then reported that the Committee had dealt with the said requested amendments as follow :—

SCHEDULE OF CERTAIN REQUESTS BY THE SENATE FOR AMENDMENTS TO BE MADE IN THE CUSTOMS TARIFF (BRITISH PREFERENCE) 1906.

No. 1.—The Schedule, under heading "Duties," after the word "ships" (*in first sub-heading*), insert "until the 31st day of August, 1907, inclusive, and thereafter on such goods imported in such ships".

No. 2.—Page 2, The Schedule, Item 136(E), in the second column under heading "Duties," leave out "up to" insert "on and after".

No. 3.—Page 4, The Schedule, before Item 122(G), insert new Item—

Item 122(F)	Strawboard ...	... per cwt.	1s.	1s. 6d.

Requested amendment No. 1 not made, but the Schedule amended by omitting from the first sub-heading to the column headed "Duties" the words "and imported direct in British ships manned exclusively by white seamen", and by omitting from the second sub-heading to the column headed "Duties" the words "or not imported direct in British ships".

Requested amendments Nos. 2 and 3 made.

On the motion of Mr. Deakin the House adopted the Report.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Senate, amended accordingly.

16. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PATENTS BILL (1906.)—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER. *Message No.* 36.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Patents Act* 1903,'" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the amendment made by the House in the amendment of the Senate.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 10th October, 1906.

17. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SPIRITS BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 34.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Spirits*," and acquaints the House of Representatives that the Senate insists on that part of amendments Nos. 4 and 5, respectively, disagreed to by the House of Representatives, and has disagreed to the further amendments of the House of Representatives in the Bill.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 10th October, 1906.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith.

Mr. Deakin moved, That the House does not insist on disagreeing to that portion of amendments Nos. 4 and 5, respectively, insisted on by the Senate, and does not insist on its further amendments therein to which the Senate has disagreed.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 20.		Noes, 8.	
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. O'Malley.
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Mauger,	Mr. G. B. Edwards,	
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Glynn,	*Tellers.*
Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Ronald,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Johnson,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Salmon,	Mr. McWilliams,	Mr. Liddell.
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Spence,		
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Watkins.		
Mr. Harper,			
Mr. Higgins,	*Tellers.*		
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Hume Cook,		
Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Maloney.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

18. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—EXCISE TARIFF (SPIRITS) BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 35.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Excise Tariff*, 1902'", and acquaints the House of Representatives that the Senate has resolved to further press its requested amendments Nos. 4 and 5, as originally requested.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 10th October, 1906.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith.

And the said requested amendments were read, and are as follow:—

No. 4, page 2, The Schedule, item (4), leave out "45", insert "35".

No. 5, page 2, The Schedule, item (5), leave out "45", insert "35".

Mr. Deakin moved, That the Senate's requested amendments Nos. 4 and 5 be now made as originally requested.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Senate, amended accordingly.

19. SUSPENSION OF SITTING.—Mr. Speaker informed the House at twenty minutes past eleven o'clock p.m. that he would resume the Chair at half-past ten o'clock a.m. to-morrow (Thursday).

THURSDAY, 11TH OCTOBER, 1906.

20. RESUMPTION OF SITTING.—Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

21. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—EXCISE TARIFF [SPIRITS] BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 38.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Excise Tariff* 1902'," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill as amended by the House of Representatives at the request of the Senate.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 10th October, 1906.

22. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PACIFIC ISLAND LABOURERS BILL (1906).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 37.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Pacific Island Labourers Act* 1901,'" and acquaints the House that the Senate has disagreed to the amendment made by the House on amendment No. 1 of the Senate, for the reason shown in the annexed schedule.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 10th October, 1906.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration at a later hour this day.

23. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CUSTOMS TARIFF (BRITISH PREFERENCE) BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 39.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Duties of Customs*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has considered the Message of the House of 10th October, in reference to this Bill, and has resolved to press its requested Amendment No. 1 as originally requested, and which the House has not made.

The Senate considers the amendments made are not a modification of the request made by the Senate.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 11th October, 1906.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith.

And the said requested amendment was read, and is as follows:—

SCHEDULE OF A REQUEST PRESSED BY THE SENATE FOR AN AMENDMENT TO BE MADE IN THE CUSTOMS TARIFF (BRITISH PREFERENCE) 1906.

No. 1.—The Schedule, under heading "Duties," after the word "ships" (*in first sub-heading*), insert "until the 31st day of August, 1907, inclusive, and thereafter on such goods imported in such ships".

Mr. Deakin moved, That the House of Representatives has thought fit at the present stage of this Bill to make the requested amendment instead of the amendment made and transmitted to the Senate, and desires to inform the Senate that in its opinion the amendment previously made was clearly a modification of the amendment requested.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Senate, amended accordingly.

24. PACIFIC ISLAND LABOURERS BILL (1906).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Senate's Message No. 37 in regard to this Bill disagreeing to the amendment made by the House on Amendment No. 1 of the Senate, viz.:—

SCHEDULE OF AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE.

No. 1.—Page 1, clause 2, sub-clause (2), leave out paragraph (*a*), insert—

"(*a*) general certificate to be issued only to a Pacific Island labourer who proves to the satisfaction of the Minister—

(i) That he was introduced into Australia prior to the first day of September, One thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine; or

(ii) That he is of such extreme age, or is suffering from such bodily infirmity as to be unable to obtain a livelihood if returned to his native island; or

(iii) That having been married before the ninth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and six, to a native of some island other than his own, he cannot be deported without risk to the life of either himself or his family; or

(iv) That he has been married before the ninth day of October, One thousnd nine hundred and six, to a female not a native of the Pacific Islands; or

(v) That he was on the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and six, and still is, registered as the beneficial owner of a freehold in Queensland; or

(vi) That he has been continuously resident in Australia for a period of not less than twenty years prior to the thirty-first day of December, One thousand nine hundred and six; and"

Amendment No. 1 of the Senate agreed to by the House with the following amendment:—Omit last word "and" insert "or whose name the Minister directs to be included in a list to be laid before the Houses of the Parliament; and".

Schedule of Reason of the Senate for disagreeing to amendment of House of Representatives upon Senate's Amendment No. 1 in the Pacific Island Labourers Bill.

That the specific grounds for issuing certificates should in every case be emboded in the Bill—

Mr. Deakin moved, That the House does not insist on its amendment disagreed to by the Senate in Senate amendment No. 1, and now agrees to the said amendment No. 1.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

25. CUSTOMS TARIFF (BRITISH PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Deakin moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Tariff* (*British Preference*) 1906.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Deakin then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Customs Tariff (British Preference) 1906,'*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Deakin moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.

On the motion of Mr. Deakin the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Deakin moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

26. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CUSTOMS TARIFF (BRITISH PREFERENCE) BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 40.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Duties of Customs,*" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill as amended by the House at the request of the Senate.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 11th October, 1906.

27. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—CUSTOMS TARIFF (BRITISH PREFERENCE) BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 20.

In accordance with section 58 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia the Governor-General returns to the House of Representatives a proposed law intituled "*An Act relating to Duties of Customs,*" and known as the "*Customs Tariff (British Preference)* 1906," which has been presented to him for the King's Assent, and transmits herewith the following amendments, which he recommends to be made in the said proposed law.

Government House,
Melbourne, 11th October, 1906.

Amendments Recommended.

The Schedule, in the column headed "Duties," omit all words in the first and second subheadings after the word "Kingdom".

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith.

Mr. Deakin moved, That the amendments recommended by His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

28. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CUSTOMS TARIFF (BRITISH PREFERENCE) BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 41.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Message of His Excellency the Governor-General recommending amendments in the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Customs,*" together with a copy of the said Bill as presented by the Speaker to the Governor-General for assent, and acquaints the House that the Senate has disagreed to the amendments recommended by the Governor-General.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 11th October, 1906.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith.

Mr. Isaacs moved, That the amendments recommended by His Excellency the Governor-General, made by this House, and disagreed to by the Senate, be not insisted on.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

29. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—APPROPRIATION BILL 1906-7.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 42.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and seven and to appropriate the supplies granted for such year in this session of the Parliament,*" to which it has agreed without request.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 11th October, 1906.

30. PAPER.—Mr. Isaacs presented by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Rabbit Destruction—Dr. Danysz's Experiments.—Report on Dr. Tidswell's experiments made with the Danysz virus for the destruction of Rabbits—by Dr. E. Angas Johnson and W. J. P. Giddings, honorary Commissioners for the South Australian Government.

Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

31. ALTERATION OF TIME OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Isaacs moved, That the House at its rising adjourn until a quarter-past three o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

32. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Isaacs moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirty-six minutes past nine o'clock in the evening, adjourned until to-morrow at a quarter past three o'clock in the afternoon.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bamford Mr. Batchelor, Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Conroy, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Fuller, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lee, Mr. Lonsdale, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McCay, Mr. McColl, Mr. Page, Mr. Poynton, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Storrer, Mr. Thomas, Mr. David Thomson, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Sir George Turner, Mr. Watson, Mr. Webster, Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. Wilks, Mr. Willis, and Mr. Wilson.

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had agreed to the amendments requested by the Senate, which are as follow:—

No. 1.—Page 2, clause 2, leave out paragraph (*d*), viz.:—

"(*d*) are in accordance with terms which in the opinion of the Minister are fair and reasonable; or"

No. 2.—Page 2, clause 2, leave out paragraph (*f*), viz.:—

"(*f*) in the case of goods manufactured before the thirty-first day of March, One thousand nine hundred and seven, are either as advantageous to the workers as the standard conditions at the place of manufacture, or are declared by the President of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, or by a Judge of the Supreme Court of the State in which the goods are manufactured, or by the Minister, to be fair and reasonable."

On the motion of Mr. Deakin, the House adopted the Report.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Senate, amended accordingly.

6. Public Service [Telegraph Messengers] Bill.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.

On the motion of Mr. Groom, the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to contingent notice given by Mr. Deakin, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Bill to pass through its remaining stage without delay.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

7. Electoral [Advertisements] Bill.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.

On the motion of Mr. Groom, the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to contingent notice given by Mr. Deakin, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Bill to pass through its remaining stage without delay.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

8. Alternative Date of Next Meeting.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next, unless Mr. Speaker shall, prior to that date, by telegram addressed to each Member of the House, postpone the meeting to a later day, named in the telegram.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

9. Adjournment.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at nineteen minutes past three o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m., unless, under the resolution passed this day, Mr. Speaker fixes a later day of meeting.

Members Present.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bamford, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Conroy, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Fuller, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lee, Mr. Lonsdale, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McCay, Mr. McColl, Mr. Page, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Poynton, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Storrer, Mr. Thomas, Mr. David Thomson, Sir George Turner, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Wilkinson.

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32. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Isaacs moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirty-six minutes past nine o'clock in the evening, adjourned until to-morrow at a quarter past three o'clock in the afternoon.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bamford Mr. Batchelor, Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Conroy, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Fuller, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lee, Mr. Lonsdale, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McCay, Mr. McColl, Mr. Page, Mr. Poynton, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Storrer, Mr. Thomas, Mr. David Thomson, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Sir George Turner, Mr. Watson, Mr. Webster, Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. Wilks, Mr. Willis, and Mr. Wilson.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 1.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THIRD SESSION OF THE SECOND PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 7TH JUNE, 1906.

1. The House of Representatives met pursuant to Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor General, bearing date the fourth day of May, 1906, which Proclamation was read at the Table by the Clerk, as follows :—

PROCLAMATION

Commonwealth of Australia to wit.

NORTHCOTE, Governor-General. (L.S.)

By His Excellency the Right Honorable Henry Stafford, Baron Northcote, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Grand Commander of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire, Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth of Australia.

WHEREAS by the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act it is, amongst other things, enacted that the Governor-General may appoint such times for holding the Sessions of the Parliament as he thinks fit, and also from time to time by Proclamation or otherwise prorogue the Parliament: And whereas on the twenty-ninth day of March, One thousand nine hundred and six, the Parliament was further prorogued until Saturday, the fifth day of May, One thousand nine hundred and six, and it is expedient to further prorogue the said Parliament: Now, therefore, I, Henry Stafford, Baron Northcote, the Governor-General aforesaid, in exercise of the power conferred by the said Act, do, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said Parliament until Thursday, the seventh day of June proximo, and I do appoint the said Thursday, the seventh day of June proximo, as the day for the said Parliament to assemble and be holden for the despatch of business. And all Members of the Senate and of the House of Representatives respectively are hereby required to give their attendance accordingly, in the building known as the Houses of Parliament, situate in Spring-street, in the City of Melbourne, at half-past Two in the afternoon, on the said Thursday, the seventh day of June, One thousand nine hundred and six.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth of Australia aforesaid, this fourth day of May, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and six, in the sixth year of His Majesty's reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

ALFRED DEAKIN.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

2. Mr. Speaker read Prayers.

3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL BY THE USHER OF THE SENATE.—The following Message was delivered by the Usher of the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

His Excellency the Governor-General desires the attendance of the House of Representatives in the Chamber of the Senate forthwith.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker with the Members of the House went to attend His Excellency:—And having returned—

4. AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIES PRESERVATION BILL.—Sir William Lyne moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act for the Preservation of Australian Industries, and for the Repression of Destructive Monopolies.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Sir William Lyne then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act for the Preservation of Australian Industries, and for the Repression of Destructive Monopolies,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

5. HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—Mr. Speaker reported that the House had this day attended His Excellency the Governor-General in the Senate Chamber, when His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of the Parliament, of which Mr. Speaker said he had, for greater accuracy, obtained a copy, which read as follows :—

GENTLEMEN :

1. I have called you together, I rejoice to say, in a season of general prosperity throughout the Commonwealth, production having increased, prices being favorable, while both trade and finance afford most encouraging evidence of the soundness of business.

2. Pursuant to the arrangement expressed in the Anglo-French Agreement of 1904, a Conference was held in London between representatives of the British and French Governments for the purpose of drawing up a scheme for the control of the New Hebrides, which, without altering the international *status quo*, should provide for the personal security of European residents and for the settlement of disputes. A copy of the draft convention adopted at that Conference has been forwarded to Ministers, who have had the advantage of consulting the Prime Minister of New Zealand with respect to its terms. A communication, expressing their views concerning the protection of the natives and the preservation of Australasian interests in the group, is now being forwarded to the Colonial Office.

3. The future of Papua has engaged earnest attention during the recess, and proposals for a new administration will be laid before you. Meanwhile the issue of the Proclamation bringing the Papua Act into force and creating British New Guinea a territory of the Commonwealth has been deferred until new ordinances are ready for enactment. These measures, while effectively preserving the rights and interests of the natives, are liberal in their terms, and are expected to induce considerable settlement.

4. The South Australian Government forwarded to Ministers resolutions from its Legislative Assembly, offering the Northern Territory to the Commonwealth upon certain terms. Correspondence is now proceeding which, it is anticipated, will lead to a formal offer being made. All papers in the matter will be laid before you.

5. The reports of the Royal Commission relating to Old-age Pensions and the alleged Tobacco Monopoly have been presented, and will be tabled.

6. Subject to the passage by Parliament of the necessary Act, my Advisers have expressed their willingness to accept from the Imperial Government the control of Norfolk Island, now a Crown Colony, administered by the Governor of New South Wales.

7. The Royal Commission appointed to examine the Bill relating to Navigation and Shipping has presented an interim report, dealing with the main principles of such a measure. The Bill originally introduced is being revised in the light of the report and the evidence preparatory to a Conference upon the question which is to be held in London.

8. For over twenty years Australia has enjoyed the assistance of a number of Imperial Officers for the purpose of training those in command of our local Forces, in addition to which many of the latter have been sent to England and India for instruction. Hereafter preference in appointments will be given to Australian officers and non-commissioned officers. The policy of sending men of promise to England, India, and elsewhere for training will be continued; and arrangements have been made for the periodical exchange of our own officers with those of the Imperial Army, both in England and India, and also with the Canadian Forces. The advice and assistance of officers in the Navy and Army of the mother country possessed of special qualifications for judging our progress will be sought from time to time.

9. The International Postal Congress, at which the Commonwealth was represented by the Postmaster-General, conceded another representative to Australasia, and accomplished some useful work facilitating International postal communication.

10. With the concurrence of the States, a Conference of Commonwealth and State Electoral Officers was recently held for the purpose of securing uniformity of Electoral administration, from which greater economy and efficiency are anticipated.

11. A Commonwealth Statistician has been appointed under the *Census and Statistics Act* 1905, and will shortly enter upon his duties.

GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES :

12. The Estimates of Expenditure originating from you will be framed with economy, having due regard to the magnitude of the area and interests under control.

13. Plans for the Redistribution of your Electorates throughout the Commonwealth have been prepared by Commissioners appointed in accordance with the provisions of the Electoral Act, and resolutions for the purpose of giving effect to the Commissioners' recommendations will be promptly submitted to Parliament for ratification.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE AND OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

14. You will be asked to give immediate attention to a Bill for the Preservation of Australian Industries, and the Repression of Destructive Monopolies.

15. The Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the working of the Customs Tariff, and its effect upon Australian industries, has already furnished three reports, which will be submitted. You will be asked to consider them, and any others with which it will be reasonably possible to deal.

16. The negotiations initiated by my Advisers for preferential trade with South Africa, with New Zealand, and other parts of the Empire have now been as far advanced tentatively as is desirable in view of the present position of the Tariff Commission Inquiry. It is hoped that a Bill will be introduced during the Session providing for an expansion of our commercial relations under the Flag, by means of which we may reciprocally share their advantages with other peoples of British birth to whom we desire to be more closely united.

17. At a Conference held in Sydney last month the State Premiers considered, and generally approved, a plan submitted to them by my Advisers providing for unity of effort in London in the promotion of Immigration to the States of the Commonwealth. Your consent to this forward step in a great movement will be invited.

18. No agreement was attained at this Conference upon the fundamental questions which were discussed affecting the finances of the Commonwealth, and the transfer of the debts of the States. Although the sole constitutional responsibility for dealing with them rests with this Parliament, any suggestions from the Conference that could have been agreed to by my Ministers would have been most welcome. The recent visit of the Treasurer to London enabled him to acquire valuable information upon these matters. The views of my Advisers will be submitted in due course.

19. My Advisers have prepared a scheme for giving assistance to those engaged in the cultivation of the soil, and for the encouragement of new industries. These objects will, it is hoped, be materially assisted by means of a series of bounties which you will be asked to approve.

20. The pressure of appeal business upon the High Court precludes attention to its original jurisdiction, and prevents the discharge of the additional duties cast upon the Justice who is President of the Arbitration Court. A measure to relieve the strain upon the Court and provide for the full exercise of its functions by increasing the number of its members will be laid before you.

21. Tenders for a new mail service with Great Britain have been received, and are now in course of examination prior to their recommendation to you.

22. The Pacific Cable Board are about to adopt more active methods of increasing their traffic receipts by extending the opportunities for using this line of communication.

23. The necessity for a systematic and continuous policy of Defence, based on our probable requirements in the event of Australia being attacked, is apparent. Its adoption and maintenance would save unwise expenditure and increase public confidence. The question of Coastal and Fixed Defences has been referred for the advice of the Imperial Defence Committee, the services of the Chief of the Intelligence Department having been placed at its disposal. Upon his return a modification of the present "Scheme of Organization" of our land forces will be undertaken now that the criticisms of the Colonial Defence Committee have been received.

24. In order that the latest information regarding Naval Development may be in the hands of the Government, the Director of Naval Forces was commissioned to proceed to England, and his reports will receive due consideration in connexion with the Scheme of Defence now being prepared by the Imperial Defence Committee. Developments of the Naval Cadet movement will be carefully fostered.

25. The Commonwealth has been placed on a more satisfactory footing with regard to ordering, obtaining, and paying for certain warlike and other stores, which it is necessary to procure in England, by temporarily placing the Secretary for Defence in charge of an office in London. It is anticipated that, as a result, much inconvenience and expense will be saved.

26. Field guns of the latest type have been obtained, and a large number of new rifles ordered; the supply of cordite and ammunition has been largely increased. The strength of the Citizen Forces has been well maintained, and the number of Rifle Club members shows a noteworthy increase during the past year.

27. Our Cadet Corps have now been organized upon one definite and uniform principle throughout the Commonwealth. Provision has been made for Senior Cadet Corps of boys who have left school. The scheme will admit of further extensions, which will be undertaken as required.

28. A Bill has been prepared for the protection of Australian policy-holders in foreign Life Insurance Companies carrying on business in the Commonwealth.

29. A Bill relating to Industrial Designs will be introduced. This will complete the legislation on the related subjects of Patents, Trade Marks and Designs, and is necessary to enable the Commonwealth to join in the International Convention for the protection of Industrial Property.

30. The proposal to more definitely determine the territory for the purpose of the Seat of Government will be submitted to Parliament for final consideration.

31. A measure to authorize a survey of a route for the Trans-Australian Railway will be renewed, and it is hoped will meet with your assent.

32. In accordance with recommendations of the Navigation Commission, a Quarantine Bill will be introduced as soon as possible, with a view to its subsequent incorporation with the Navigation Act.

33. You will be invited to consider a Bill establishing a Meteorological Department, and authorizing agreements with the States for work of this character hitherto undertaken by them.

34. Measures for the appointment of a High Commissioner, relating to Light-houses, Weights and Measures, the occupation of Government House, Sydney, and an amendment of the law relating to the acquisition of Property will be brought forward.

35. Your consent will be sought to preliminary proposals in regard to the best methods of furthering the progress of industries associated with the soil.

36. In committing these many grave and serious matters to your best judgment I feel assured that under the blessing of Providence your fruitful labours will promote the growth and prosperity of Australia.

6. Address in Reply to His Excellency the Governor-General's Speech.—Mr. Deakin moved, That a Committee, consisting of Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Kennedy, and Mr. Storrer be appointed to prepare an Address in Reply to the Speech delivered by His Excellency the Governor-General to both Houses of the Parliament.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the Committee do report this day.

7. Papers.—Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—

Electoral Acts 1902–5—

New South Wales—Report, with Maps (2), by the Commissioner (Judge Murray) appointed for the purpose of distributing the State of New South Wales into Electoral Divisions.

Queensland—Report, with Map, by the Commissioner (Mr. R. H. Lawson) appointed for the purpose of distributing the State of Queensland into Electoral Divisions.

Victoria—Report, with Map, by the Commissioner (Mr. C. A. Topp) appointed for the purpose of distributing the State of Victoria into Electoral Divisions.

Western Australia—Report, with Map, by the Commissioner (Mr. M. A. C. Fraser) appointed for the purpose of distributing the State of Western Australia into Electoral Divisions.

Severally ordered to be printed.

Mr. Deakin presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—

Immigration Restriction Acts 1901–5—

Return of—

(*a*) Persons refused admission to the Commonwealth during the year 1905.

(*b*) Persons who passed the prescribed test during the year 1905.

(*c*) Persons admitted without being asked to pass the Education test during the year 1905.

(*d*) Departures of coloured persons from the Commonwealth during 1905.

Naturalization Act 1903—

Return of the number of persons to whom certificates of naturalization were granted during the year 1905.

Sir William Lyne presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—

Customs Act 1901—

Regulations Amended—Nos. 103 and 104—Australian goods, &c., exported—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 1.

Drawback Regulations Amended—No. 132, Jams, &c.—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 32.

Distillation Act 1901—Regulation—Spirits for Export—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 9.

Excise Act 1901—

Regulations—Tobacco—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 5.

Drawback Regulations Amended—No. 50, Jams, &c.—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 33.

Public Service Act 1902—Recommendations and approval in cases of Messrs. O. S. Maddocks and H. D. Brown, promotion as Inspectors, Department of Trade and Customs, Sydney.

Mr. Ewing presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—

Defence Acts 1903–1904—

Regulations governing Landing of Foreign Troops, &c.—Statutory Rules 1905, No. 80.

Cadet Corps—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 31.

Military Forces—

Regulations Amended, &c.—

Para. 57—Lieutenants—Statutory Rules 1905, No. 79.

Para. 216—Addition of figures "214"—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 3.

Para. 130—Alteration—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 4.

Para. 2A—Promotion Board—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 29.

Para. 128—Age for Retirement—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 30.

Financial and Allowance Regulations—Statutory Rules 1905, No. 77.

Naval Forces—
Regulations and Standing Orders—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 20.
Financial and Allowance Regulations—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 21.

Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—

Property for Public Purposes Acquisition Act 1901—Land acquired under, at—
Armidale, New South Wales—As a site for a Drill Hall.
Bodangora, New South Wales—As a site for a Post-office (in place of notice previously gazetted).
Gilgandra, New South Wales—As a site for a Post-office.
Gwalia, Western Australia—As a site for a Post-office.
Kadina, South Australia—As a site for a Post-office.
Kurri Kurri, New South Wales—As a site for a Post-office—
Dated 1st March, 1906.
Dated 27th April, 1906 (in place of notice previously gazetted).
Mount Nelson, Hobart, Tasmania—For Defence purposes.
Randwick, New South Wales—For Defence purposes (in place of notice previously gazetted).
Ryde, New South Wales—As a site for a Post-office.
Sandy Bay, Tasmania—For Rifle Range purposes.
Singleton, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.

Public Service Act 1902—
List of Permanent Officers of the Commonwealth Public Service, 1st January, 1906.
Recommendation and approval in case of Mr. E. F. Eberbach—Appointment as Draftsman in Public Works Branch, Department of Home Affairs.

Regulations Amended—
No. 104—Grading of General Division—
Statutory Rules 1906, No. 2.
Statutory Rules 1906, No. 14.
No. 64—Overtime, General Division—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 13.
Nos. 163A, 164—Special Allowances—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 15.
Nos. 48, 141 (*b*), 168, 196, 197, 258—Chief Officers, &c.—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 16.
Nos. 48, 141 (*b*), 168, 196, 197, 258—Chief Officers, &c.; also Nos. 104, 163A, 164—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 28.
Nos. 153, 155—Allowances—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 37.
No. 199—Telegraph Messengers—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 38.
No. 168—Allowances—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 39.

Representation Act 1905—Certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer in regard to the numbers of the people of the Commonwealth and the several States.

8. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—Sir Langdon Bonython brought up the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech prepared by the Committee appointed this day, and the same was read by the Clerk, as follows :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the House of Representatives of The Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, beg to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament.

Sir Langdon Bonython moved, That the Address be agreed to by the House.
Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion.
Mr. Reid moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

9. DAYS OF BUSINESS.—Mr. Deakin moved, by leave, That, until otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the despatch of business at half-past Two o'clock on each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoon, and at half-past Ten o'clock on each Friday morning.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at two minutes to five o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bamford, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Conroy, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. McColl, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Dugald Thomson, and Mr. Wilson.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 2.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 8TH JUNE, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPERS.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

   Natal Court-Martial Cases—Cablegrams between the Prime Ministers of the Commonwealth and New Zealand and the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the subject of reported intervention by the British Government in the administration of a self-governing colony.

   Mr. Ewing presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

   Tasmania—Mail Communication with—Correspondence in regard to alteration of time-table.

   Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

3. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General, be agreed to by this House :—

   MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

   We, the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, beg to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—

   Debate resumed——

4. DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.—At the suggestion of Mr. Deakin, the Right Honorable Richard J. Seddon, P.C., Prime Minister of New Zealand, was, with the unanimous approval of the House, provided with a seat on the floor of the House.

5. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The debate (interrupted as above) on the Address in Reply to His Excellency the Governor-General's Speech was resumed.

   Mr. Johnson, addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

   Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

6. PAPERS.—Sir William Lyne presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Royal Commission on Customs and Excise Tariffs—

Progress Reports—
- No. 2. Spirits and the Distillation of Spirits.
- No. 3. Wine-growing Industry in Australia.
- No. 4. Industrial Alcohol.

Minutes of Evidence—
- Part I. Distillation (Spirits and Spirits for Fortifying Australian Wines): Essences: Perfumery. Opium: Tobacco.
- Part II. Glucose, Sugar, and Confectionery: Agricultural Products and Groceries.
- Part III. Apparel and Textiles.
- Part IV. Metals and Machinery.

Digest of Evidence given before the Commission in reference to—
- (A) Spirits and the Distillation of Spirits.
- (B) The Wine Industry of Australia.
- (C) Industrial Alcohol.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at two minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bamford, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Conroy, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. McColl, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Sir George Turner, and Mr. Wilson.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 3.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 12TH JUNE, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. THE LATE RIGHT HONORABLE RICHARD J. SEDDON, P.C.—VOTE OF CONDOLENCE.—Mr. Deakin moved, by leave, That this House places on record its profound regret at the untimely decease of the Right Honorable R. J. Seddon, and expresses its deep sympathy with his family and the people of New Zealand.

   Mr. McLean, Mr. Watson, and other Members having addressed the House in support of the motion, and all Members present having risen in silence—

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

   Resolved—That Mr. Speaker be requested to convey the resolution to Mrs. Seddon and to the Government of New Zealand.

3. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at four minutes past three o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Brown, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Fuller, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lonsdale, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McColl, Mr. Reid, Mr. Skene, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Sir George Turner, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Webster.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH JUNE, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. ARBITRATION—INTER-PARLIAMENTARY ARBITRATION UNION, WESTMINSTER.—Mr. Deakin read to the House a copy of a cablegram which he had received from Mr. William Randall Cremer, as follows:—

"Cordially invite Members Federal Parliament Conference Inter-Parliamentary Arbitration Union, Westminster, July 23. Twenty Parliaments participating."

3. PAPERS.—Sir William Lyne presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Royal Commission on Customs and Excise Tariffs—
Minutes of Evidence—

Vol. I., Division I.—Stimulants, Beer, together with sugar in Beer, Barley, Malt, and Hops, Spirits, and Wines. Division II.—Narcotics, Opium, Tobacco, Cigars, and Cigarettes.
Vol. II., Division III.—Sugar, Glucose and Sugar; Confectionery and Jams. Division IV.—Agricultural Products and Groceries.
Vol. III., Division V.—Apparel and Textiles.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed, in substitution for the Minutes of Evidence, Parts I., II., III., and IV., presented to the House on Friday last.

Mr. Ewing presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Hawker Case—Reports of Board of Inquiry in connexion with charges made in the House of Representatives against Major James Clarence Hawker, R.A.A.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

Mr. Ewing presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
Post and Telegraph Act 1901—Regulations Amended, &c.—
Prepayment of Postage ("Library of Famous Literature")—Statutory Rules 1905, No. 78.
Prepayment in Cash for large quantities of Mail Matter—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 36.
Postal Notes—Statutory Rules 1905, No. 81.
Telephone Exchanges—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 17.
Packets, Commercial Papers—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 18.
Packets, Commercial Papers—Insurance of Parcels, &c.—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 26.
Packets, Printed Papers—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 35.
Private Mail Bags—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 27.

4. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to by this House:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, beg to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—

Debate resumed.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. Supply.—Mr. Deakin, in accordance with Standing Order No. 240, moved, That the House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. Ways and Means.—Mr. Deakin, in accordance with Standing Order No. 240, moved, That the House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. Postponement of Order of the Day.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, No. 2, be postponed until to-morrow.

8. Electoral Divisions of Western Australia—Proposed Distribution.—Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice, That the House of Representatives approves of the distribution of the State of Western Australia into Electoral Divisions as proposed by Mr. M. A. C. Fraser, the Commissioner for the purpose of distributing the said State into Divisions, in his report laid before Parliament on the 7th day of June, 1906.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

9. Electoral Divisions of Queensland—Proposed Distribution.—Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice, That the House of Representatives approves of the distribution of the State of Queensland into Electoral Divisions as proposed by Mr. R. H. Lawson, the Commissioner for the purpose of distributing the said State into Divisions, in his report laid before Parliament on the 7th day of June, 1906.
Debate ensued.
Amendment proposed, That the following words be added to the motion—"Provided that District H shall be known as 'Brown,' and District J as 'Artesia.'"
Debate continued.
Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

10. Electoral Divisions of New South Wales—Proposed Distribution.—Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice, That the House of Representatives approves of the distribution of the State of New South Wales into Electoral Divisions as proposed by His Honour Judge Murray, the Commissioner for the purpose of distributing the said State into Divisions, in his report laid before Parliament on the 7th day of June, 1906.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

11. Electoral Divisions of Victoria—Proposed Distribution.—Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice, That the House of Representatives approves of the distribution of the State of Victoria into Electoral Divisions as proposed by Mr. C. A. Topp, the Commissioner for the purpose of distributing the said State into Divisions, in his report laid before Parliament on the 7th day of June, 1906.
Mr. McLean moved, as an amendment, That "7th day of June, 1906," be omitted, and that "29th day of June, 1905," be inserted in place thereof.
Debate ensued.
Question—That the figures and words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.
The House divided—

Ayes, 33.		Noes, 12.	
Mr. Bamford,	Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Skene,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Willis.
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Mauger,	Sir Philip Fysh,	
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Gibb,	
Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Page,	Mr. McLean,	*Tellers.*
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Ronald,	Mr. McWilliams,	
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Spence,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Storrer,	Mr. Salmon,	Mr. Wilson.
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. David Thomson,		
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Tudor,		
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Watkins,		
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Watson,		
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Webster.		
Mr. Kelly,			
Mr. Kennedy,	*Tellers.*		
Mr. Lee,			
Mr. Liddell,	Mr. Hume Cook,		
Sir William Lyne,	Mr. Wilks.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
Question—That the House of Representatives approves of the distribution of the State of Victoria into Electoral Divisions as proposed by Mr. C. A. Topp, the Commissioner for the purpose of distributing the said State into Divisions, in his report laid before Parliament on the 7th day of June, 1906—put and resolved in the affirmative.

12. The Late Right Honorable Richard J. Seddon, P.C.—Mr. Speaker read to the House the following cablegram, which he had received :—

Wellington, New Zealand,
13th June, 1906.

Hon. Speaker,
Federal Parliament House, Melbourne.

On behalf of the Government and people of New Zealand, I thank the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia for the honour it has done to the memory of our late Premier.

W. Hall Jones.

13. Order of Government Business.—Mr. Deakin moved, by leave—That on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday in each week, until otherwise ordered, Government business shall take precedence of all other business; and that on each Thursday until half-past Six o'clock, until otherwise ordered, General business shall take precedence of Government business.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

14. Order of General Business.—Mr. Deakin moved, by leave—That on Thursday in each week, until otherwise ordered, General business shall be called on in the following order, viz.:—

On one Thursday—
Notices of Motion.
Orders of the Day.
On the alternate Thursday—
Orders of the Day.
Notices of Motion.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

15. Postponement of Motions.—Ordered—That the consideration of the remaining Motions be postponed until to-morrow.

16. Adjournment.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at ten minutes to ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chapman, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. McColl, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, and Mr. Dugald Thomson.

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No. 5.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 14TH JUNE, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPERS.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

   Preferential Trade with South Africa—Correspondence.
   Federal Capital Site—Correspondence respecting the Resolutions passed by the New South Wales Parliament.
   Conference of Commonwealth and State Premiers and Ministers—Report of Debates: together with Agenda Papers, Minutes of Proceedings, and Appendices. Sydney, April, 1906.

   Sir William Lyne presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

   Navigation Bill—Report of the Royal Commission.
   Tobacco—Report of the Royal Commission.
   Rabbit Destruction—Report by Mr. W. J. P. Giddings, Editor of *Faulding's Medical Journal*, on Dr. Danysz's proposed experiments.

   Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

   Mr. Deakin presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—

   Immigration Restriction Acts 1901–1905—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 10.

   Sir John Forrest presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

   Audit Act 1901—Transfers of amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council—Financial Year 1905–6 (dated 12th June, 1906).

3. RABBIT DESTRUCTION—DR. DANYSZ'S EXPERIMENTS.—Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to notice, That this House is of the opinion that, as the introduction of the microbes proposed by Dr. Danysz for the destruction of rabbits in the State of New South Wales may prove inimical to human and other animal life of Australia, it should not be permitted except for laboratory experiments.
   Debate ensued.
   Mr. Frazer moved as an amendment, That the following words be added to the motion:—"until such time as Parliament or the Government, if Parliament is not in session, is satisfied, by the investigations of a duly appointed scientific committee approved by the Parliament, that outside experiments will be harmless."
   Debate continued.
   The time allowed for the precedence of General Business having terminated—

4. POSTPONEMENT OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. Deakin, at half-past seven o'clock, moved, That the consideration of Government Business be postponed until nine o'clock this evening.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. RABBIT DESTRUCTION—DR. DANYSZ'S EXPERIMENTS.—The debate (interrupted as above) was resumed.
   Mr. Maloney moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
   Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
   Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF MOTION.—Ordered—That Notice of Motion, General Business No. 2, be a Notice of Motion for Thursday, 9th August next.

7. CANTEEN BILL.—Mr. Mauger moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Military Canteens.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Mauger then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Military Canteens,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 19th July next.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF MOTIONS.—Ordered—That Notice of Motion, General Business No. 4, be a Notice of Motion for Thursday, 12th July next; and that the Notices of Motion, Government Business, be Notices of Motion for to-morrow.

9. PAPER.—Sir William Lyne presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Royal Commission on Customs and Excise Tariffs—
A Digest of Evidence given before the Commission in reference to—
(A) Spirits and the Distillation of Spirits.
(B) The Wine Industry of Australia.
(C) Industrial Alcohol.
(Prepared for the use of the Chairman.)
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed in substitution for the Digest of Evidence presented to the House on Friday last.

10. AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIES PRESERVATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill, Sir William Lyne moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Dugald Thomson moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

11. PAPER.—Sir William Lyne presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Anti-Trust Legislation in the United States, and the Legislation of Canada and New Zealand for the Prevention of Dumping—Memorandum on.
Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

12. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-two minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chapman, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Harper, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Sydney Smith.

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No. 6.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 15TH JUNE, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Skene rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The anomalous position in which the State of Victoria is placed through the recent enumeration of the electors, and the consequent redistribution of the electorates thereon."

Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—

Mr. Skene moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

3. POSTPONEMENT OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the consideration of Government Business be postponed until after the consideration of the Order of the Day, General Business.

4. RABBIT DESTRUCTION—DR. DANYSZ'S EXPERIMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Hughes:—

> That this House is of the opinion that, as the introduction of the microbes proposed by Dr. Danysz for the destruction of rabbits in the State of New South Wales may prove inimical to human and other animal life of Australia, it should not be permitted except for laboratory experiments—
>
> *And on the amendment proposed thereto by Mr. Frazer, viz.:*—That the following words be added to the motion:—"until such time as Parliament or the Government, if Parliament is not in session, is satisfied by the investigations of a duly appointed scientific committee approved by the Parliament, that outside experiments will be harmless"—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Tudor moved, as an amendment upon the proposed amendment, That the words proposed to be added be amended by omitting therefrom the words "by the investigations of a duly appointed scientific committee approved by the Parliament"

And the proposed amendment having been so amended.

Question—That the words—"until such time as Parliament or the Government, if Parliament is not in session, is satisfied that outside experiments will be harmless", proposed to be added to the motion be so added—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That this House is of the opinion that, as the introduction of the microbes proposed by Dr. Danysz for the destruction of rabbits in the State of New South Wales may prove inimical to human and other animal life of Australia, it should not be permitted except for laboratory experiments until such time as Parliament or the Government, if Parliament is not in session, is satisfied that outside experiments will be harmless—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. AUDIT BILL (1906).—Sir John Forrest moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the Audit Act 1901.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. LIFE ASSURANCE FOREIGN COMPANIES BILL.—Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Foreign Companies carrying on the business of Life Assurance in Australia.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. MARINE LIGHTS AND MARKS BILL.—Sir William Lyne moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Lighthouses, Lightships, Beacons and Buoys.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

8. Message from His Excellency the Governor-General—Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta Railway Survey Bill.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General,

Per Alfred Deakin. *Message No.* 1.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of The Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Survey of a Route for a Railway to connect Kalgoorlie, in the State of Western Australia, with Port Augusta, in the State of South Australia.

15th June, 1906.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be considered forthwith in Committee of the whole House.

9. Chairman.—Mr. Deakin moved, by leave, That the honorable Member for Melbourne Ports (Mr. Mauger) do take the Chair as Chairman for this day of sitting only.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

10. Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta Railway Survey Bill.—Mr. Speaker thereupon left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 1.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair: Mr. Mauger reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.
Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.
And thereupon the said resolution was read, and is as follows :—

Resolved—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to Authorize the Survey of a Route for a Railway to connect Kalgoorlie, in the State of Western Australia, with Port Augusta, in the State of South Australia.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.
Ordered—That Mr. Groom and Sir John Forrest do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.
Mr. Groom then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to Authorize the Survey of Route for a Railway to connect Kalgoorlie, in the State of Western Australia, with Port Augusta, in the State of South Australia,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

11. Papers.—Sir William Lyne presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Navigation Bill—Appendices and Minutes of Evidence of the Royal Commission.
Tobacco—Proceedings, Minutes of Evidence and Appendices of the Select Committees and of the Royal Commission.

Mr. Groom presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General.

Federal Capital Sites—Reports respecting proposed sites at Mahkoolma, Canberra, and other sites in the Yass (Lake George) District.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

12. Adjournment.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-three minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Chapman, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Johnson, Mr. McColl, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Thomas, and Sir George Turner.

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No. 7.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 19TH JUNE, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPERS.—Sir John Forrest presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

   Old-age Pensions—Report from the Royal Commission; together with Proceedings, Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and a Synopsis of the Evidence.

   Ordered to lie on the Table.

   Mr. Ewing presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

   Public Service Act 1902—P. J. De Gruchy—Recommendations, &c., and approval of his promotion and appointment to the office of Telegraph Manager at Perth, Western Australia.

   The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk—

   "Contract" Post and Telegraph Offices—Return to an Order of the House, dated 14th September, 1905.

3. JUDICIARY BILL (1906).—Mr. Isaacs moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the Judiciary Act 1903.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIES PRESERVATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
   Debate resumed.
   Mr. Culpin moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
   Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
   Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Isaacs moved, That the House do now adjourn.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at eleven minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Conroy, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Gibb, Sir William Lyne, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. David Thomson, and Mr. Willis.

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No. 8.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH JUNE, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PRINTING COMMITTEE—FIRST REPORT FROM.—Mr. Watkins, for the Chairman, brought up the First Report from the Printing Committee.

The Report was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have dealt with all the Papers laid on the Table of the House since the commencement of the present Session.

Your Committee find that the following Papers, presented to both Houses, have been printed by the Senate :—

Immigration Restriction Act 1901—Return of Persons refused Admission to the Commonwealth, &c.
Naturalization Act 1903—Return of the Number of Persons to whom Certificates of Naturalization were granted during 1905.
Post and Telegraph Act 1901—Additional and new Regulations, &c.
Preferential Trade with South Africa—Correspondence.
Federal Capital—State Resolutions—Correspondence.

Your Committee recommend that the following Papers be printed :—

Natal Court-martial Cases—Cablegrams between the Prime Ministers of the Commonwealth and New Zealand and the Secretary of State for the Colonies.
Conference of Commonwealth and State Premiers and Ministers—Report of Debates, &c.
Navigation Bill—Report of the Royal Commission.
Tobacco—Report of the Royal Commission.
Rabbit Destruction—Report by Mr. W. J. P. Giddings on Dr. Danysz's proposed experiments.

D. WATKINS,
For the Chairman.

House of Representatives,
Committee Room, 15th June, 1906.

Mr. Watkins moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

3. PAPERS.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Malay States and Java—Systems of Government, Methods of Administration, and Economic Development—Report by Senator the Honorable Staniforth Smith.

Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

Mr. Ewing presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—

Defence Acts 1903–4—Military Forces—Regulations—Amendments of paragraphs 57, 130, and 216—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 44.

4. AUDIT BILL (1906).—Sir John Forrest, pursuant to an Order of the House made on 15th instant, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Audit Act* 1901,'" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

5. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—AUDIT BILL (1906).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,

Governor-General. *Message No.* 2.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of The Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of money be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the Audit Act 1901.

16th June, 1906.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

6. AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIES PRESERVATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Deakin moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for this day, after the consideration of the remaining business.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until after the further consideration of Order of the Day No. 1.

8. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES—ELECTION.—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice—

(1) That the House do now proceed to the election of a Chairman of Committees.

(2) That, in the event of more than two Members being proposed for the position, the election shall be by open and exhaustive ballot, and that so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the House adopting such course.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Batchelor having proposed the honorable Member for Kennedy (Mr. Charles McDonald) and Mr. Phillips having proposed the honorable Member for Laanecoorie (Mr. Charles Carty Salmon) and no other Member having been proposed—

Question proposed—That the honorable Member for Kennedy (Mr. Charles McDonald) be appointed Chairman of Committees of this House.

Amendment proposed—That the words "Kennedy (Mr. Charles McDonald)" be omitted, with a view to insert in place thereof the words "Laanecoorie (Mr. Charles Carty Salmon)."

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 28.		Noes, 21.	
Mr. Bamford,	Mr. Mahon,	Sir Langdon Bonython,	Mr. Knox,
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. O'Malley,	Mr. Deakin,	Sir William Lyne,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Page,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. McCay,
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Poynton,	Sir John Forrest,	Mr. McColl,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Spence,	Sir Philip Fysh,	Mr. McWilliams,
Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Tudor,	Mr. Glynn,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Groom,	Mr. Skene,
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Watson,	Mr. Harper,	Sir George Turner.
Mr. Fowler,	Mr. Webster,	Mr. Higgins,	
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Wilkinson,	Mr. Isaacs,	*Tellers.*
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Willis.	Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Hume Cook,
Mr. Hughes,			Mr. Wilson.
Mr. Hutchison,	*Tellers.*		
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Thomas,		
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Wilks.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the honorable Member for Kennedy (Mr. Charles McDonald) be appointed Chairman of Committees of this House—put and resolved in the affirmative.

9. Australian Industries Preservation Bill.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Fuller moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

10. Temporary Chairmen of Committees.—The following Warrant, nominating Temporary Chairmen of Committees, pursuant to Standing Order No. 25, was laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker :—

The Parliament of the Commonwealth.

House of Representatives.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order numbered 25, I do hereby nominate—

The Honorable Egerton Lee Batchelor,
The Honorable James Mackinnon Fowler,
The Honorable Samuel Mauger, and
The Honorable William Henry Wilks

to act as Temporary Chairmen of Committees when requested so to do by the Chairman of Committees.

Given under my hand this twentieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and six.

F. W. HOLDER,
Speaker.

11. Adjournment.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at six minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chapman, Mr. Conroy, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Gibb, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Ronald, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, and Mr. David Thomson.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 9.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 21st JUNE, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. Paper.—Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—
   Electoral Acts 1902-1905—Provisional Regulations—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 42.

3. Electoral Bill (1906).—Mr. Chanter moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the Commonwealth Electoral Acts of 1902 and 1905 as regards the Court of Disputed Returns.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
   Mr. Chanter then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the Commonwealth Electoral Acts of* 1902 *and* 1905 *as regards the Court of Disputed Returns,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
   Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 19th July.

4. General Election—Date for Holding.—Mr. McColl moved, pursuant to notice, *amended*, That, in the opinion of this House, the Ministry should so arrange the business for this Session that the general elections can be held on a date not later than the 15th day of November next.
   Debate ensued.
   Mr. Mauger moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "House" be omitted, with a view to insert in place thereof the words "the general election should be held as soon as practicable."
   Debate continued.
   The time allowed for the precedence of General Business having terminated, Government Business was called on.

5. Message from His Excellency the Governor-General.—Supply Bill (No. 1) 1906-7.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

   NORTHCOTE,

   Governor-General. *Message No.* 3.

   In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of The Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and seven.

   June, 1906.

   Ordered to lie on the Table and to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

6. SUPPLY.—The Order of the Day for the Committee of Supply having been read—
Question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.
Mr. McDonald also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Sir John Forrest moved, by leave, That the Standing Orders be suspended in order to enable all steps to be taken to obtain Supply and to pass a Supply Bill through all its stages without delay.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

8. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and is as follows:—

Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Four hundred and fifty-nine thousand and sixty-four pounds be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year ending 30th June, 1907.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.

9. WAYS AND MEANS.—The Order of the Day for the Committee of Ways and Means having been read—
Question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.
Mr. McDonald also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

10. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.—The resolution reported from the Committee of Ways and Means was read, and is as follows:—

Resolved—That towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year ending 30th June, 1907, a sum not exceeding Four hundred and fifty-nine thousand and sixty-four pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.
Ordered—That Sir John Forrest and Mr. Deakin do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

11. SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1906-7.—Sir John Forrest then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and seven*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.
On the motion of Sir John Forrest, the House adopted the Report.
Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

12. GENERAL ELECTION—DATE FOR HOLDING.—Ordered, That the resumption of the debate on this question (interrupted this day by Government Business being called on) be made an Order of the Day for Thursday next, and that Mr. O'Malley have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at eleven minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chapman, Mr. Conroy, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Lonsdale, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. David Thomson, and Sir George Turner.

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No. 10.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 22ND JUNE, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIES PRESERVATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Skene moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—DESIGNS BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 1.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act relating to Copyright in Industrial Designs,*" and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 22nd June, 1906.

4. DESIGNS BILL.—Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Copyright in Industrial Designs,*" be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—METEOROLOGY BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 2.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act relating to Meteorological Observations,*" and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 22nd June, 1906.

6. METEOROLOGY BILL.—Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Meteorological Observations,*" be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1906-7.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 3.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and seven,*" to which it has agreed without requests.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 22nd June, 1906.

8. ADDRESS-IN-REPLY.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Address which had been agreed to in reply to the Governor-General's Speech on the opening of Parliament, would be presented to His Excellency at Parliament House on Friday, 6th July next, at four o'clock in the afternoon.

9. PAPER.—Sir John Forrest presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Transference of the State Debts to the Commonwealth—Memorandum by T. A. Coghlan, Agent-General for New South Wales in London.
Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Conroy, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Lee, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. McColl, Mr. Phillips, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. David Thomson, Mr. Dugald Thomson, and Mr. Watkins.

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No. 11.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 26TH JUNE, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPER.—Sir John Forrest presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
   Audit Act, 1901—Treasury Regulations—Statutory Rules, 1906, No. 19.

3. AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIES PRESERVATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
   Debate resumed.
   Mr. Wilks moved as an amendment, That all the words after the word "be" be omitted, with a view to insert in place thereof the words, "not further proceeded with until after the Tariff Commission has presented its Report on Metals and Machinery."
   Debate continued.
   Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
   Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
   Ordered, after debate—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

4. PAPER.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
   Mr. J. R. Craig—Summary of Report by the Secretary, Department of External Affairs, on the statements that Mr. J. R. Craig has been improperly and unjustly treated by the officers of the British New Guinea Government.
   Ordered to lie on the Table.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir William Lyne moved, That the House do now adjourn.
   Debate ensued.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirty-six minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Chapman, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Glynn, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, and Mr. David Thomson.

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No. 12.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH JUNE, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPER.—Sir John Forrest presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

   Audit Act 1901—Transfers of Amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council—Financial Year 1905–6 (dated 26th June, 1906).

3. AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIES PRESERVATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time, *and on the amendment proposed thereto by Mr. Wilks, viz.:*—That all the words after the word "be" be omitted, with a view to insert in place thereof the words, "not further proceeded with until after the Tariff Commission has presented its Report on Metals and Machinery"—

   Debate resumed.

   Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

   The House divided—

Ayes, 39.		Noes, 20.	
Mr. Bamford,	Mr. O'Malley,	Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Liddell,
Sir Langdon Bonython,	Mr. Page,	Mr. Conroy,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Skene,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Poynton,	Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. Crouch,	Sir John Quick,	Mr. Fowler,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Ronald,	Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Salmon,	Sir Philip Fysh,	Mr. Wilson.
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Spence,	Mr. Johnson,	
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Storrer,	Mr. Kelly,	*Tellers.*
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Knox,	Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Tudor,	Mr. Lee,	Mr. Wilks.
Mr. Groom,	Sir George Turner,		
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Watkins,		
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Watson,		
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Webster,		
Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Wilkinson.		
Sir William Lyne,			
Mr. Mahon,	*Tellers.*		
Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Hume Cook,		
Mr. McColl,	Mr. Mauger.		
Mr. McDonald,			

   And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

   Debate on original motion continued.

   Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

   Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

   Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at ten minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Brown, Mr. Chapman, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Glynn, Mr. McCay, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Reid, Mr. Sydney Smith, and Mr. David Thomson.

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No. 13.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 28TH JUNE, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPER.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

British New Guinea—Steam Service to.—Papers relating to acceptance of tender of Messrs. Burns, Philp, and Co.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

3. POSTPONEMENT OF MOTIONS.—Ordered—That the consideration of Motions Nos. 1 to 4 be postponed, as follow:—No. 1, to Thursday, 19th July next; Nos. 2, 3, and 4, to Thursday next.

4. GENERAL ELECTION—DATE FOR HOLDING.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. McColl:—

That, in the opinion of this House, the Ministry should so arrange the business for this Session that the general elections can be held on a date not later than the 15th day of November next.

And on the amendment proposed thereto by Mr. Mauger, viz.,—That all the words after the word "House" be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof:—"the general election should be held as soon as practicable"——

Debate resumed.

Mr. Knox moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 12th July next.

5. SUPPLY.—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—

Question proposed—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S RESIDENCES BILL.—Mr. Groom moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the Residences of the Governor-General.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Groom then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to the Residences of the Governor-General*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at eleven minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Brown, Mr. Chapman, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Harper, Mr. Reid, and Mr. Sydney Smith.

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No. 14.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 29TH JUNE, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PETITION.—Mr. Robinson presented a Petition from E. E. Smith and Robt. S. Walpole, styling themselves respectively President and Secretary of the Central Council of Employers of Australia, against the Australian Industries Preservation Bill in its present form, and praying that the House will refer it to a Select Committee, with power to call for the most exhaustive evidence as to both its effects and workability.
   Petition received and read.

3. GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S RESIDENCES BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
   Debate ensued.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
   Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same with an amendment.
   Mr. Groom moved, by leave, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Bill to pass through all its remaining stages without delay.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
   Mr. Groom moved, That the Report from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill be now adopted.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
   Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

4. KALGOORLIE TO PORT AUGUSTA RAILWAY SURVEY BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
   Debate ensued.
   Mr. Kelly, addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
   Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Debate for Tuesday next.

5. PAPERS.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
   Ocean Shipping Service—Report of Royal Commission.
   Ordered to lie on the Table.
   Mr. Ewing presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
   Post and Telegraph Act 1901—Regulation No. 4—Money Orders—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 40.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir John Forrest moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at three minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Batchelor, Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Brown, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Conroy, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Johnson, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McColl, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Sydney Smith.

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No. 15.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 3RD JULY, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPERS.—Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Public Service Act 1902.—Regulations, Amendments of Nos. 102, 104, 149—General Division (Transfers), Line Repairers, Travelling Allowances—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 46.

Mr. Ewing presented, pursuant to the direction of several Acts of Parliament—

Defence Acts 1903–4.—Naval Forces—Financial and Allowance Regulations—Paragraph 49 amended—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 45.

3. AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIES PRESERVATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 4.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and seven,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

28th June, 1906.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Mr. McLean, Mr. Reid, Mr. Ronald, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Wilks, and Mr. Willis.

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No. 16.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH JULY, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIES PRESERVATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
   Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

3. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
   Debate ensued.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirty-seven minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. McCay, Mr. McLean, Mr. Reid, Mr. Ronald, and Mr. Wilks.

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No. 17.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 5TH JULY, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. NORTHERN TERRITORY—SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—Mr. Poynton moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, all possible steps should be immediately taken to acquire the Northern Territory from South Australia.
   Mr. Mahon moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "House" be omitted, with a view to insert in place thereof the words, "the Government should negotiate with the Government of South Australia for the acquisition of the Northern Territory on terms just to the Commonwealth.
   "That the Commonwealth should not assume responsibility for any sum beyond the actual loss sustained by South Australia in administering the affairs of the Territory since the inception of Federation on 1st January, 1901."
   Debate ensued.
   Sir Langdon Bonython moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
   Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
   Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 16th August next.

3. POSTPONEMENT OF MOTIONS.—Ordered—That Motion No. 2 be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 30th August next, and that the consideration of Motions Nos. 3 and 4 be postponed until after the consideration of Motion No. 5.

4. RUSSIA—OUTRAGES IN.—Mr. Storrer moved, pursuant to notice, *amended*, That this House expresses its deep regret at the news of outrages in Russia, and its confident hope that counsels of wisdom and justice will secure to those of its citizens who are suffering, the effective protection of its laws.
   Debate ensued.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF MOTION.—Ordered—That the consideration of Motion No. 3 be postponed until after the consideration of Motion No. 4.

6. TELEPHONE TRUNK LINES.—Mr. Page moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the rates now charged by the Postal Department for the use of Trunk Telephone lines on the condenser system are excessive and should be reduced
   Mr. David Thomson moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
   Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
   Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 9th August next.

7. PAPUA.—APPOINTMENT OF LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—Mr. Wilkinson moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the present administration of British New Guinea is unsatisfactory; and, in the interests of good government and the effective development of the Territory, it is advisable that, on the issue of the Proclamation bringing the Papua Act into force, an Australian citizen, in close and recent touch with the aspirations of the Commonwealth and of the Territory, should be appointed Lieutenant-Governor.

Mr Wilkinson, not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 26th instant.

8. AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIES PRESERVATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Isaacs moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-nine minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lonsdale, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McColl, Mr. Reid, Mr. Ronald, and Mr. Wilks.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 6TH JULY, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIES PRESERVATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

3. PAPERS.—Mr. Ewing presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—
Defence Acts 1903-1904—
Military Forces—Financial and Allowance Regulations—para. 98 amended—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 47.
Regulations governing Landing of Foreign Troops, &c.—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 48.

4. ADDRESS IN REPLY.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Address which had been agreed to in reply to the Governor-General's Speech on the opening of Parliament, would be presented to His Excellency in the Queen's Hall, at four o'clock this afternoon. Mr. Speaker stated that he would be glad if such honorable Members as were able to do so would accompany him to present the Address.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at half-past three o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lonsdale, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McCay, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Spence, Sir George Turner, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Wilks.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 19.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 10TH JULY, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—Mr. Speaker reported that, accompanied by honorable Members, he had on Friday last waited upon His Excellency the Governor-General, in the Queen's Hall, and had presented to him the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech on the Opening of Parliament, agreed to by the House on the 13th ultimo, and that His Excellency had expressed his thanks to the House for their Address.

3. PAPERS.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Canned Meat Exports—Telegrams between Commonwealth and State Governments, and cablegram to British Press *re* efficiency of inspection to insure sound quality.

Federal Capital Site—Letter from the Premier of New South Wales suggesting that the Members of the Federal Parliament should be given another opportunity of inspecting suitable sites in the Yass-Lake George District and also the Dalgety site.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

4. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—JUDICIARY BILL (1906).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 5.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of The Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of money be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the Judiciary Act 1903.

16th June, 1906.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

5. PAPER.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Mail Service to Europe—Copy of Agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia and Sir James Laing and Sons, Limited, for the Conveyance of Mails to and from Adelaide and Brindisi—

and moved, That it be printed.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. Australian Industries Preservation Bill.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. Paper.—Mr. Isaacs presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Judiciary Bill (1906)—Papers *re*.
Ordered to lie on the Table.

8. Arbitration.—Inter-Parliamentary Arbitration Union.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received the formal invitation to Members of the Federal Parliament to attend the Conference of this Union in London. The telegram from the Union conveying their invitation had already been announced to the House.

9. Special Meeting of House.—Mr. Deakin moved, by leave, That the House on Thursday next sit at half-past seven as well as at half-past two o'clock.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

10. Adjournment.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at fourteen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Kingston, Mr. McColl, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, and Mr. Spence.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 20.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH JULY, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPERS.—Mr. Chapman presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Mail Service to Europe—Statement showing amounts of the three lowest tenders for.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
Sir William Lyne presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Commerce Act 1905—Proposed Regulations in connexion with Butter, Cheese, Meat, and Fruit Industries—Resolutions of Conference of Officials and Trade Representatives.
Ordered to lie on the Table.

3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Nos. 1 to 6 inclusive, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 7.

4. JUDICIARY BILL (1906).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 5—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.
Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.
And thereupon the said resolution was read, and is as follows:—
Resolved—That it is expedient that an appropriation of money be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to Amend the Judiciary Act 1903.
And the said resolution was adopted by the House.

5. JUDICIARY BILL (1906).—Mr. Isaacs, pursuant to an Order of the House made on 19th June last, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to Amend the Judiciary Act* 1903," and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

6. JUDICIARY BILL (1906).—Ordered—That the papers *re* this Bill, which were laid on the Table yesterday, be printed.

7. AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIES PRESERVATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

9. ALTERATION OF TIME OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until half-past seven o'clock p.m. to-morrow.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at half-past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Liddell, Mr. McLean, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Reid, Mr. Ronald, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Sydney Smith.

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No. 21.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 12TH JULY, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIES PRESERVATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

3. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered, That the remaining Government Business and Notice of Motion No. 1, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow; that Notice of Motion No. 2 be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 2nd August next; and that the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Thursday, 2nd August next.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Isaacs moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirteen minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Fuller, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Harper, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Mr. McCay, Mr. McColl, Mr. McLean, Mr. Phillips, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Ronald, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, and Mr. Thomas.

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No. 22.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 13TH JULY, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. THE LATE RIGHT HONORABLE RICHARD J. SEDDON, P.C.—Mr. Deakin read to the House letters he had received from the Acting Prime Minister of New Zealand and from Mrs. Seddon, in reply to letters he had forwarded to them transmitting memorial copies of the report of proceedings of the Commonwealth Parliament in passing the resolutions of regret at the death of the Right Honorable Richard J. Seddon.

3. AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIES PRESERVATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker took the Chair; Mr. Mauger reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same with amendments.

Sir William Lyne moved, by leave, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clauses 4, 5, 6, 10, 14, and 21, in regard to the following proposed amendments, viz.:—

Clause 4, page 2, line 23, omit "indictable".
page 2, lines 24-5, omit "or one year's imprisonment or both; in the case of a corporation, Five hundred pounds".
Clause 5, page 2, line 39, omit "indictable".
Clause 6, page 3, line 4, omit "greatly disorganizing", insert "creating substantial disorganization in".
Clause 10, page 3, lines 38-9, omit "any competent Court exercising Federal jurisdiction", insert "the High Court".
page 3, line 39, after "injunction" insert "after hearing and determining the merits, and not by way of interlocutory order".
page 3, line 40, after "the carrying out of any contract" (words inserted in Committee) omit "or" and insert "made or entered into after the commencement of this Act, or any".
Clause 14, page 4, line 46, omit "cost of production", insert "fair selling value if sold in the country of production".
Clause 21 (added in Committee), paragraph (*b*), omit "indictable".

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the chair, and the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Mauger reported that the Committee had reconsidered clauses 4, 5, 6, 10, 14, and 21, and had agreed to the amendments therein referred to it.

Sir William Lyne moved, by leave, That the Reports from the Committee of the Whole be now adopted.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the third reading be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirteen minutes to five o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present at some time during the sitting) except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Mr. McCay, Mr. McColl, Mr. Phillips, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, and Mr. Thomas.

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No. 23.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 17TH JULY, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—BOUNTIES BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,

Governor-General. *Message No.* 6.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of The Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the Payment of Bounties on the production of certain goods.

16th July, 1906.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

3. AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIES PRESERVATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the third reading of this Bill, Sir William Lyne moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clauses 3, 6, 10, 11, 11B, 14, 17, and 18A, in regard to the following proposed amendments :—

Clause 3, page 2, line 6, omit "lower", insert "inadequate".
page 2, line 6, omit "less", insert "inadequate".
page 2, line 6, omit "longer", insert "excessive".
page 2, line 8, omit "more", insert "unduly".
Clause 6, page 3, lines 1–2, omit "a lower", insert "an inadequate".
Clause 10, page 3, line 47, omit "destroying or injuring", insert "destructive or injurious".
page 3, line 48, before "any" insert "to".
page 4, line 6, omit "Judge", insert "Justice".
Clause 11, page 4, lines 15–16, omit "any competent Court exercising Federal jurisdiction", insert "the High Court before a Justice without a jury".
Clause 11B, page 4, omit the clause.
Clause 14, page 6, line 14, omit "a lower", insert "an inadequate".
Clause 17, page 7, lines 47–48, omit "including the power, if he thinks fit, to", insert "He may, if he thinks fit, and shall on the application of either party".
page 7, line 49, at end of sub-clause (2), add "and he may, if he thinks fit, at any stage of the proceeding, refer the investigation and determination of the matter to the Full Court, which shall, in that case, have all the powers and functions of a Justice under this Part of this Act".
page 8, line 3, omit "thereby", insert "therein".
Clause 18A, page 8, line 49, omit "in", insert "or limitation on".

Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That to the clauses proposed to be recommitted the following be added:—

Clause 17 (page 8, line 25, omit "without unfairly injuring any other section of the community").

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 15.		Noes, 34.	
Mr. Conroy,	Mr. McLean,	Mr. Bamford,	Sir William Lyne,
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Skene,	Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. Mahon,
Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Brown,	Mr. Mauger,
Sir Philip Fysh,	Mr. Wilson.	Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Kelly,		Mr. Chapman,	Mr. O'Malley,
Mr. Knox,	*Tellers.*	Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Robinson,	Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Liddell,	Mr. Wilks.	Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Poynton,
Mr. McCay,		Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Ronald,
		Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Salmon,
		Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Spence,
		Mr. Fowler,	Mr. David Thomson,
		Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Tudor,
		Mr. Groom,	Mr. Wilkinson.
		Mr, Hughes,	*Tellers.*
		Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Hume Cook,
		Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Thomas.
		Mr. Kennedy,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Kelly moved, That to the clauses proposed to be recommitted the following be added :—

Clause 21 (In order to provide for the penalty of imprisonment.)

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 20.		Noes, 26.	
Mr. Brown,	Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. Maloney,
Mr. Conroy,	Mr. McLean,	Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. O'Malley,
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Poynton,	Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Page,
Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Robinson,	Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Ronald,
Sir Philip Fysh,	Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Willis,	Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Wilson.	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. David Thomson,
Mr. Knox,		Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Tudor,
Mr. Liddell,	*Tellers.*	Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Wilkinson.
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Johnson,	Mr. Fowler,	
Mr. McCay,	Mr. Kelly.	Mr. Frazer,	
		Mr. Isaacs,	
		Mr. Kennedy,	*Tellers.*
		Sir William Lyne,	Mr. Hume Cook,
		Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Mauger.

And so it passed in the negative.

Question—That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clauses 3, 6, 10, 11, 11B, 14, 17, and 18A, in regard to the amendments proposed therein by Sir William Lyne—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had reconsidered clauses 3, 6, 10, 11, 11B, 14, 17, and 18A, and had agreed to the further amendments therein referred to it.

On the motion of Sir William Lyne, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Bill to be passed through its remaining stages this day.

On the motion of Sir William Lyne, the House adopted the further Report.

Sir William Lyne moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at two minutes to ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chanter, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Kingston, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Reid, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Storrer, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Willis.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 24.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH JULY, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBERS (MR. G. B. EDWARDS and MR. REID).—Mr. Wilks moved, pursuant to notice, *amended*, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for South Sydney (Mr. G. B. Edwards), on account of ill-health, and to the honorable Member for East Sydney (Mr. Reid), on account of public business.
And the motion having, by request, been divided—
Question—That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for South Sydney (Mr. G. B. Edwards), on account of ill-health—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Question—That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for East Sydney (Mr. Reid), on account of public business—put and resolved in the affirmative.

3. JUDICIARY BILL (1906).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Isaacs moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Conroy moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the consideration of the remaining Government Business, up to and inclusive of Order of the Day No. 4, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 5.

5. BOUNTIES BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 6—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.
Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.
And thereupon the said resolution was read, and is as follows:—
Resolved—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the Payment of Bounties on the production of certain goods.
And the said resolution was adopted by the House.
Ordered—That Sir William Lyne and Mr. Deakin do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.
Sir William Lyne then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide for the Payment of Bounties on the production of certain goods,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

6. Mail Service to Europe—Agreement with Sir James Laing and Sons, Limited—Mr. Chapman moved, pursuant to notice, That this House approves the agreement made and entered into on the 7th day of July, 1906, between the Postmaster-General, in and for the Commonwealth, and Sir James Laing and Sons, Limited, for the carriage of mails between Adelaide and Brindisi.

Mr. Thomas moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "House" be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof—"is of opinion that, in the best interests of the Commonwealth, the Government should purchase and control a fleet of mail steamers capable of maintaining a fortnightly mail service between Australia and Great Britain."

Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

7. Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta Railway Survey Bill.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—

Mr. Kelly moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "be" be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof—"not further considered until evidence that the Parliament of South Australia has formally consented to the Commonwealth constructing that portion of the proposed railway which would be in South Australian territory has been laid on the Table of the House".

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 32.		Noes, 12.	
Mr. Bamford,	Mr. McCay,	Mr. Brown,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. McColl,	Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Page,
Sir Langdon Bonython,	Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Storrer.
	Mr. O'Malley,	Mr. Glynn,	
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Johnson,	*Tellers.*
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Poynton,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. McWilliams,
Mr. Fisher,	Sir John Quick,	Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Wilson.
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Ronald,		
Mr. Fowler,	Mr. Thomas,		
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. David Thomson,		
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Watkins,		
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Watson,		
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Webster.		
Mr. Isaacs,			
Mr. Liddell,			
Sir William Lyne,	*Tellers.*		
Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Carpenter,		
Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Hume Cook.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate continued on main question.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 29.		Noes, 11.	
Mr. Bamford,	Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Cameron,	Mr. David Thomson,
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Wilson.
Sir Langdon Bonython,	Mr. McCay,	Mr. Glynn,	
	Mr. McColl,	Mr. Kennedy,	*Tellers.*
Mr. Brown,	Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Conroy,
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. McWilliams,	Mr. Kelly.
Mr. Chapman,	Sir John Quick,	Mr. Storrer,	
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Ronald,		
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Thomas,		
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Watkins,		
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Watson,		
Mr. Fowler,	Mr. Webster.		
Mr. Frazer,			
Mr. Hutchison,	*Tellers.*		
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Hume Cook,		
Mr. Liddell,	Mr. Poynton.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. Federal Capital Sites—Yass (Lake George) District.—Mr. Speaker made the following statement to the House :—

Reports (accompanied by plans) in regard to certain Federal Capital Sites in the Yass (Lake George) District, were laid on the Table on 15th June last. The House ordered the reports to be printed, and they have been printed accordingly. As it would cost over £100 to print the plans, it is considered that such a heavy expenditure should not be entered upon without an express vote of the House.

I therefore propose, in the meantime, to direct that the plans be exhibited in some position convenient for the inspection of honorable Members, probably in the corridor opposite to the entrance to the Chamber.

9. Adjournment.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-two minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chanter, Mr. G. B. Edwards*, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Groom, Mr. Harper, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Reid*, Mr. Skene, Mr. Dugald Thomson, and Mr. Willis.

* On leave.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 25.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 19TH JULY, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. CANTEEN BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Mauger moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Mauger reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same with amendments.
On the motion of Mr. Johnson, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Bill to be passed through its remaining stages this day.
On the motion of Mr. Johnson, the House adopted the Report.
Mr. Johnson moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 2, be postponed until Thursday, 2nd August next.

4. SOUTH PACIFIC ISLANDS: REBATE OF DUTIES ON PRODUCE FROM.—Mr. Johnson moved, pursuant to notice, That, with a view to promote and encourage settlement by people of our own race in the Southern Pacific Islands—particularly in the New Hebrides Group—it is desirable to allow a rebate of duties on all produce grown by British and Australian settlers in those islands coming into the Australian Commonwealth.
Mr. Deakin moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday next.

5. TELEPHONES: TOLL OR CALL SYSTEM.—Mr. Webster moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, it is necessary and advisable to adopt the Toll or Call system throughout the Telephone Service of the Commonwealth at the earliest possible date.
Mr. Lonsdale, addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday next.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF MOTION.—Ordered—That the consideration of Motion No. 3 be postponed until Thursday, 2nd August next.

7. SUPPLY.—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—
Question proposed—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. JUDICIARY BILL (1906).—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.
Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twelve minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chanter, Mr. G. B. Edwards*, Mr. Groom, Mr. Harper, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Reid*, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Spence, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Mr. Wilks, and Mr. Willis.

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No. 26.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 20TH JULY, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. JUDICIARY BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.
Question—put.
The House divided—

Ayes, 31.		Noes, 4.	
Mr. Bamford,	Mr. Lee,	Mr. Brown,	*Tellers.*
Sir Langdon Bonython,	Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Cameron.	Mr. Conroy,
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Sir William Lyne,		Mr. Wilson.
Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Mauger,		
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. McDonald,		
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. McLean,		
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. O'Malley,		
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Salmon,		
Mr. Fowler,	Mr. Thomas,		
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. David Thomson,		
Sir Philip Fysh,	Mr. Tudor,		
Mr. Glynn,	Mr. Watson,		
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Wilkinson.		
Mr. Isaacs,	*Tellers.*		
Mr. Johnson,	Mr. Hume Cook,		
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Crouch.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
Bill read a second time.
Mr. Frazer moved, pursuant to notice, That the Committee be instructed that they have power to take into consideration an amendment to allow the Judges of the High Court to prescribe conditions for the admission by examination of barristers and solicitors.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same with a new clause, added under the power conferred by the instruction of the House.
On the motion of Mr. Isaacs, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Bill to be passed through its remaining stages this day.
On the motion of Mr. Isaacs, the House adopted the Report.
Mr. Isaacs moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

3. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twelve minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Chapman, Mr. G. B. Edwards*, Mr. Groom, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Mr. McCay, Mr. McColl, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Poynton, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid*, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Skene, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Spence, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Mr. Wilks, and Mr. Willis.

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No. 27.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 24TH JULY, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PRINTING COMMITTEE—SECOND REPORT FROM.—Mr. Watkins, for the Chairman, brought up the Second Report from the Printing Committee.

The Report was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have dealt with all the Papers and the Petition laid on the Table of the House since the last meeting of the Committee.

Your Committee find that the following Paper, presented to both Houses, has been printed by the Senate :—

Commerce Act 1905—Resolutions of Conference of Officials, &c., *re* proposed regulations as to Butter, Cheese, Meat, and Fruit Industries.

Your Committee recommend that the following Paper be printed :—

Old-age Pensions—Report, &c., from the Royal Commission.

D. WATKINS,
For Chairman.

House of Representatives,
Committee Room, 19th July, 1906.

Mr. Watkins moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

3. PAPER.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Northern Territory—Correspondence between the Prime Minister and the Premier of South Australia, relative to the Transfer of the Northern Territory to the Commonwealth.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

4. ROYAL COMMISSIONS APPOINTED—PARTICULARS CONCERNING.—Mr. Kelly moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Lonsdale, That there be laid upon the Table of the House a Return showing—

(1) The number of Royal Commissions appointed during this and the preceding Parliament.
(2) What are the names and subjects of such Commissions.
(3) What are the names of movers and seconders.
(4) What are the names of Members composing them.
(5) What is the total cost of each Commission, giving details as to fees, personal expenses, printing, and other matters.
(6) What is the total amount paid to each Member.
(7) What is the aggregate cost of the whole.

Objection having been taken to the motion being treated as unopposed, it ceased to have precedence, and was set down as General Business for to-morrow.

5. Postponement of Business.—Ordered, That the consideration of the Notice of Motion and Order of the Day No. 1, Government Business, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 2.

6. Mail Service to Europe—Agreement with Sir James Laing and Sons, Ltd.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Chapman :—That this House approves the agreement made and entered into on the 7th day of July, 1906, between the Postmaster-General, in and for the Commonwealth, and Sir James Laing and Sons, Limited, for the carriage of mails between Adelaide and Brindisi—*and on the amendment proposed thereto by Mr. Thomas, viz :*—That all the words after the word "House" be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof—"is of opinion that, in the best interests of the Commonwealth, the Government should purchase and control a fleet of mail steamers capable of maintaining a fortnightly mail service between Australia and Great Britain."——

Debate resumed.

Mr. Dugald Thomson moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

7. Adjournment.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at sixteen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Conroy, Mr. G. B. Edwards*, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Groom, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kingston, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Page, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Reid*, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Spence, and Mr. Willis.

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No. 28.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH JULY, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MAIL SERVICE TO EUROPE—AGREEMENT WITH SIR JAMES LAING AND SONS, LTD.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Chapman:—That this House approves the agreement made and entered into on the 7th day of July, 1906, between the Postmaster-General, in and for the Commonwealth, and Sir James Laing and Sons, Limited, for the carriage of mails between Adelaide and Brindisi—*and on the amendment proposed thereto by Mr. Thomas, viz:*—That all the words after the word "House" be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof—"is of opinion that, in the best interests of the Commonwealth, the Government should purchase and control a fleet of mail steamers capable of maintaining a fortnightly mail service between Australia and Great Britain"—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 40.		Noes, 14.	
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. Liddell,	Mr. Bamford,	Mr. Ronald,
Sir Langdon Bonython,	Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Culpin,	Mr. David Thomson,
Mr. Cameron,	Sir William Lyne,	Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Wilkinson.
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. McCay,	Mr. Hutchison,	
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. McColl,	Mr. Mahon,	
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. McWilliams,	Mr. Maloney,	*Tellers.*
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. McDonald,	
Mr. Deakin,	Sir John Quick,	Mr. O'Malley,	Mr. Frazer,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Salmon,	Mr. Poynton,	Mr. Thomas.
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Skene,		
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Storrer,		
Sir Philip Fysh,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,		
Mr. Glynn,	Mr. Watkins,		
Mr. Harper,	Mr. Watson,		
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Webster,		
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Wilks,		
Mr. Johnson,	Mr. Wilson.		
Mr. Kelly,			
Mr. Kennedy,	*Tellers.*		
Mr. Knox,	Mr. Mauger,		
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Robinson.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Isaacs moved, That the question be amended by the addition of the following words—"with the following modifications :—

Proviso to Clause 3—

Provided that, in the event of the Postmaster-General requiring the "period of transit" on the voyage from Brindisi to Adelaide to be reduced to six hundred and twelve hours, the period of six hundred and twelve hours shall thenceforth be deemed to be the "period of transit" for each voyage from Brindisi to Adelaide, and each such voyage shall be completed within that period.

Proviso to Clause 15—

After the words "with the consent of" *insert* "or subject to approval by", and after "Parliament" *insert* "by resolution".

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Wilks moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

3. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at seventeen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Brown, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Conroy, Mr. G. B. Edwards*, Mr. Groom, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Page, Mr. Reid*, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Spence, and Mr. Willis.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 26TH JULY, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPER.—Mr. Ewing presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

   Public Service Act 1902.—Regulation Amended—No. 104.—Telephone Indoor Supervisors—Statutory Rules, 1906, No. 51.

3. COMMONWEALTH TREASURY NOTES.—Mr. Culpin moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable—

   (1) That Commonwealth Treasury Notes should be issued, on the lines of the Treasury Notes issued by the State of Queensland.
   (2) That a reserve fund should be established for payment of the notes on demand.

   Mr. Chapman moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
   Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
   Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 9th August next.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF MOTION—Ordered—That the consideration of Motion No. 2, General Business, be postponed until Thursday, 16th August next.

5. FIRE INSURANCE BILL.—Mr. Frazer moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Fire Insurance.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
   Mr. Frazer then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Fire Insurance,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
   Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 9th August next.

6. ROYAL COMMISSIONS APPOINTED—PARTICULARS CONCERNING.—Mr. Lonsdale moved, pursuant to notice, *amended*, That there be laid upon the Table of the House a Return showing—

   (1) The number of Royal Commissions appointed during this and the preceding Parliament.
   (2) What are the names and subjects of such Commissions, and by which Administration they were appointed.
   (3) What are the names of movers and seconders.
   (4) What are the names of Members composing them, and which of the States do such Members represent.
   (5) What is the total cost of each Commission, giving details as to fees, personal expenses, printing, and other matters.
   (6) What is the total amount paid to, and what is the number of the attendances of, each Member.
   (7) What is the aggregate cost of the whole.

   Mr. Thomas moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to paragraph 6 :—"and also the number of days each Member was absent from his home for which travelling expenses were received ".
   Debate ensued.
   Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That there be laid upon the Table of the House a Return showing—

(1) The number of Royal Commissions appointed during this and the preceding Parliament.
(2) What are the names and subjects of such Commissions, and by which Administration they were appointed.
(3) What are the names of movers and seconders.
(4) What are the names of Members composing them, and which of the States do such Members represent.
(5) What is the total cost of each Commission, giving details as to fees, personal expenses, printing, and other matters.
(6) What is the total amount paid to, and what is the number of the attendances of, each Member, and also the number of days each Member was absent from his home for which travelling expenses were received.
(7) What is the aggregate cost of the whole—

—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. Papua—Appointment of Lieutenant-Governor.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Wilkinson :—That, in the opinion of this House, the present administration of British New Guinea is unsatisfactory ; and, in the interests of good government and the effective development of the Territory, it is advisable that, on the issue of the Proclamation bringing the Papua Act into force, an Australian citizen, in close and recent touch with the aspirations of the Commonwealth and of the Territory, should be appointed Lieutenant-Governor.—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Hume Cook moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 9th August next.

8. Postponement of Order of the Day.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, No. 2, General Business, be postponed until Thursday, 9th August next.

9. Telephones : Toll or Call System.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Webster :—That, in the opinion of this House, it is necessary and advisable to adopt the Toll or Call system throughout the Telephone Service of the Commonwealth at the earliest possible date—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Hume Cook moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 9th August next.

10. Postponement of Order of the Day.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 1, Government Business, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 2.

11. Mail Service to Europe.—Agreement with Sir James Laing and Sons, Ltd.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion (*as amended*) of Mr. Chapman :—

That this House approves the Agreement made and entered into on the 7th day of July, 1906, between the Postmaster-General, in and for the Commonwealth, and Sir James Laing and Sons, Limited, for the carriage of mails between Adelaide and Brindisi, with the following modifications :—

Proviso to Clause 3—

Provided that, in the event of the Postmaster-General requiring the "period of transit" on the voyage from Brindisi to Adelaide to be reduced to six hundred and twelve hours, the period of six hundred and twelve hours shall thenceforth be deemed to be the "period of transit" for each voyage from Brindisi to Adelaide, and each such voyage shall be completed within that period.

Proviso to Clause 15—

After the words "with the consent of" *insert* "or subject to approval by", and after "Parliament" *insert* "by resolution".—

Mr. Wilks moved, as a further amendment, That the following proviso be added to the motion :—"Provided that the proposed steam-ships shall be constructed or docked in Australia."

Debate ensued.

Mr. Hutchison moved, as an amendment on the proposed amendment, That the following words be added thereto :—"in a Commonwealth Government dockyard".

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be added to the proposed amendment be so added—put and negatived.

Question—That the words proposed to be added to the motion be so added—put and negatived.

Mr. Knox moved, as a further amendment, That the following words be added to the motion :—

"And subject to the following modifications in its provisions :—

(1) That the contractors should be required (under clause 2) to call at the ports of Melbourne, Sydney, and Brisbane, at a sum to be named in the contract.

(2) That the consequences of a breach of the contract should be mutual, instead of being limited on the side of the contractors to £25,000 (as in article 10), and unlimited on the side of the Commonwealth.

(3) That the right of the contractors (under article 15) to determine the contract or to be paid for actual or prospective diminished earnings or increased expenses, arising from Commonwealth legislation, should be limited to legislation which deals directly with shipping, and not apply to all legislation which merely 'relates to shipping'.

(4) That in the event of war being declared or entered upon by Great Britain against any first-class naval power (as provided by article 16), the contractors should not have the right to terminate the contract, but only to suspend its operation until a reasonable time after the termination of hostilities, or that, in such an event as is contemplated under article 16, the right to terminate the contract should be mutual and not possessed by one party only."

Debate ensued.

And the question having, by request, been divided—

Question—That paragraph (1) of the proposed amendment be agreed to—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 13.		Noes, 30.	
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. O'Malley,	Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Culpin,	Mr. David	Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Poynton,
Mr. R. Edwards,	Thomson,	Mr. Deakin,	Sir John Quick,
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Wilkinson.	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Frazer,		Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. Fuller,	*Tellers.*	Mr. Glynn,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Fowler,	Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Skene,
Mr. McWilliams,	Mr. Storrer.	Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Spence,
		Mr. Johnson,	Mr. Dugald
		Mr. Kelly,	Thomson,
		Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Webster,
		Mr. Liddell,	Mr. Wilks,
		Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Wilson.
		Mr. Mahon,	*Tellers.*
		Mr. McCay,	Mr. Hume Cook,
		Mr. McColl,	Mr. Thomas.

And so it passed in the negative.

Question—That paragraph (2) of the proposed amendment be agreed to—put and negatived.

Question—That paragraph (3) of the proposed amendment be agreed to—put and negatived.

Question—That paragraph (4) of the proposed amendment be agreed to—put and negatived.

Mr. Webster moved, as a further amendment, That the following words be added to the motion :—"And this House is of the opinion that the steamers should be acquired by the Government in the event of the company joining or becoming a part of any shipping ring or combine, or otherwise constituting itself a monopoly, detrimental to the trade and commerce of the Commonwealth."

Mr. Thomas moved, as an amendment on the proposed amendment—That the words "or otherwise" and all the words after the word "monopoly" be omitted.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the proposed amendment—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 27.		Noes, 11.	
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Bamford,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. Carpenter,	Sir John Quick,	Mr. Culpin,	Mr. David
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Salmon,	Mr. Fisher,	Thomson.
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Storrer,	Mr. Fowler,	
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Dugald	Mr. Frazer,	*Tellers.*
Mr. Ewing,	Thomson,	Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Hutchison,
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Webster,	Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Thomas.
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Wilkinson,		
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Wilks,		
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Wilson.		
Mr. Kennedy,			
Mr Liddell,			
Mr. Lonsdale,	*Tellers.*		
Mr. McCay,			
Mr. McColl,	Mr. Hume Cook,		
Mr. McWilliams,	Mr. Johnson.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate continued.

Question—That the following words be added to the motion :—"And this House is of the opinion that the steamers should be acquired by the Government in the event of the company joining or becoming a part of any shipping ring or combine, or otherwise constituting itself a monopoly, detrimental to the trade and commerce of the Commonwealth."—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 10.

Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Wilkinson.
Mr. Culpin,	
Mr. Frazer,	*Tellers.*
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Webster.
Mr. Thomas,	
Mr. David Thomson,	

Noes, 23.

Mr. Chapman,	Mr. McColl,
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. McWilliams,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Ewing,	Sir John Quick,
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Storrer,
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Mr. Johnson,	Mr. Wilson.
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Kennedy,	
Mr. Liddell,	*Tellers.*
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Hume Cook,
Mr. McCay,	Mr. Wilks.

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Joseph Cook moved, as a further amendment, That the following words be added to the motion,

"And with the following further modifications :—

In the second line of clause 16 substitute the Minister of State for Defence for the Postmaster-General.

In No. 36 of the General Conditions of Tender, substitute the Minister of State for Defence for the Postmaster-General, and after the word 'Contract' in the second line, insert the words 'if he shall consider it necessary for defence purposes so to do'".

Debate ensued.

Mr. McCay moved, as an amendment on the proposed amendment, That the words "defence purposes" be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof :—"the public interest".

And the House continuing to sit till after midnight—

FRIDAY, 27TH JULY, 1906.

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the proposed amendment—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the following words be added to the motion :—"And with the following further modifications :—

In the second line of clause 16 substitute the Minister of State for Defence for the Postmaster-General.

In No. 36 of the General Conditions of Tender, substitute the Minister of State for Defence for the Postmaster-General, and after the word 'Contract' in the second line, insert the words 'if he shall consider it necessary for defence purposes so to do'".—

—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Liddell,	Mr. Wilson.
Mr. Lonsdale,	
Mr. McCay,	*Tellers.*
Mr. McColl,	Mr. Johnson,
Mr. McWilliams,	Mr. Kelly.

Noes, 21.

Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Storrer,
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Thomas,
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. David Thomson,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Webster.
Mr. Hutchison,	
Mr. Isaacs,	
Mr. Kennedy,	*Tellers.*
Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Hume Cook,
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Salmon.

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. McWilliams moved, as a further amendment, That the following words be added to the motion:—"That it be a condition of the contract that the mail steamers shall call at Hobart at least fortnightly during the months of February, March, and April".

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 8.		Noes, 24.	
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Webster.	Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Culpin,		Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. Fisher,	*Tellers.*	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. McWilliams,	Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. David Thomson,	Mr. Storrer.	Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Thomas,
		Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,
		Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Wilks,
		Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Wilson.
		Mr. Liddell,	
		Mr. Lonsdale,	
		Mr. Mahon,	
		Mr. McCay,	*Tellers.*
		Mr. McColl,	Mr. Hume Cook
		Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Hutchison.

And so it passed in the negative.

On the motion of Mr. Ewing the House agreed to the following further amendment to the motion :—

That the following proviso be added to Clause 15—In line 5, after "legislation" *insert* "directly".

Question—

That this House approves the Agreement made and entered into on the 7th day of July, 1906, between the Postmaster-General, in and for the Commonwealth, and Sir James Laing and Sons, Limited, for the carriage of mails between Adelaide and Brindisi, with the following modifications :—

Proviso to Clause 3—

Provided that, in the event of the Postmaster-General requiring the "period of transit" on the voyage from Brindisi to Adelaide to be reduced to six hundred and twelve hours, the period of six hundred and twelve hours shall thenceforth be deemed to be the "period of transit" for each voyage from Brindisi to Adelaide, and each such voyage shall be completed within that period.

Proviso to Clause 15—

After the word "legislation" *insert* "directly"; after the words "with the consent of" *insert* "or subject to approval by", and after "Parliament" *insert* "by resolution".—

—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 28.		Noes, 3.	
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. McWilliams.	*Tellers.*
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Ronald,		Mr. Frazer,
Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Salmon,		Mr. David Thomson.
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Spence,		
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Storrer,		
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Thomas,		
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,		
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Webster,		
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Wilks,		
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Wilson.		
Mr. Liddell,			
Mr. Lonsdale,			
Mr. Mahon,	*Tellers.*		
Mr. McCay,	Mr. Hume Cook,		
Mr. McColl,	Mr. Kennedy.		
Mr. McDonald,			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

12. PAPERS.—Mr. Ewing presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Military Forces.—Annual Report, for the year 1905, by the Inspector-General, Major-General H. Finn.

Naval Defence—Report by the Director of the Naval Forces, for the year 1905.

Military Board—Report for the year 1905.

Bursting of M.L.E. Rifles—Report on, presented by C. Napier Hake, F.I.C., and Thomas R. Lyle, M.A., D.Sc.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

14. ALTERATION OF TIME OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until half-past eleven o'clock a.m., this day.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

15. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at three minutes past one o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at half-past eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Brown, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Conroy, Mr. G. B. Edwards*, Mr. Groom, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Page, Mr. Reid*, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, and Mr. Willis.

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No. 30.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 27TH JULY, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S RESIDENCES BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 4.*

The Senate has agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to the Residences of the Governor-General*," without amendment.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 27th July, 1906.

3. BOUNTIES BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill, Sir William Lyne moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Fisher moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until after the consideration of the Notice of Motion.

5. SUSPENSION OF PART OF STANDING ORDER No. 241.—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice, That so much of Standing Order No. 241 as provides for the question being put on every third Thursday, "That the Speaker do now leave the Chair," on the Order of the Day for Committee of Supply or Ways and Means, be suspended for the remainder of the Session.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. MAIL SERVICE TO EUROPE—COMMUNICATION OF RESOLUTION TO SENATE.—Mr. Chapman moved, That the Resolution of the House approving, with modifications, the Agreement made and entered into on the 7th day of July, 1906, between the Postmaster-General, in and for the Commonwealth, and Sir James Laing and Sons, Limited, for the carriage of mails between Adelaide and Brindisi, be communicated by Message to the Senate, and their concurrence desired therein.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at seventeen minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Brown, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Conroy, Mr. G. B. Edwards*, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Groom, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lee, Mr. Page, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Reid*, Mr. Ronald, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Sir George Turner, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Willis.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 31.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 31ST JULY, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ESTIMATES, 1906–7.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 7.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of The Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the Year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and seven, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

31st July, 1906.

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 8.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of The Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and seven, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

31st July, 1906.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply this day.

3. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. BOUNTIES BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Dugald Thomson, addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 3 to 6 inclusive be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 7.

6. DESIGNS BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Glynn moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 3 be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 4.

8. AUDIT BILL (1906).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 2—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Mauger reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.
Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.
And thereupon the said resolution was read, and is as follows:—

Resolved—That it is expedient that an appropriation of money be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Audit Act* 1901.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.

9. PAPER.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

The Budget, 1906–7—Papers prepared by the Right Honorable Sir John Forrest, P.C., G.C.M.G., for the information of honorable Members on the occasion of opening the Budget of 1906–7.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

10. KALGOORLIE TO PORT AUGUSTA RAILWAY SURVEY BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.
On the motion of Mr. Groom the House adopted the Report, and ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the third reading of the Bill to be moved this day.
Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

11. AUDIT BILL (1906).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

12. PAPER.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Penny Post—Memorandum by the Postmaster-General recommending the Establishment of.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirty-five minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. G. B. Edwards*, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Liddell, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McColl, Mr. Page, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid*, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. David Thomson, Sir George Turner, Mr. Wilks, and Mr. Willis.

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No. 32.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 1ST AUGUST, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPERS.—Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
   Property for Public Purposes Acquisition Act 1901—Land acquired under, at—
   East Perth, Western Australia—As a site for a Post Office.
   Forster, New South Wales—As a site for a Post Office.

3. CANTEENS AT BARRACKS.—Mr. Kelly moved, pursuant to notice, *amended*, That a Return be laid upon the Table of the House showing—
   (1) The average number of men quartered at the Victoria Barracks, Sydney, and other barracks of permanent troops during the past year.
   (2) The total number of men reported drunk in barracks.
   (3) What proportion of these had on the occasion named received drink in the barracks canteen.
   (4) What proportion of these had on the occasion named received drink from outside sources.
   (5) The amount of spirits per man sold last year.
   (6) List of articles kept for sale by canteens.
   (7) Purposes to which canteen profits applied.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. METEOROLOGY BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—
   Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
   Debate ensued.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
   Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same with a new clause.
   On the motion of Mr. Groom, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Bill to be passed through its remaining stages this day.
   On the motion of Mr. Groom, the House adopted the Report.
   Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
   On the motion of Mr. Joseph Cook, the House ordered the debate to be adjourned until this day at a later hour.

5. DESIGNS BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
   Debate resumed.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
   Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same with an amendment.
   Ordered—That the consideration of the Report be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

6. METEOROLOGY BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a third time—

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Dugald Thomson moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House.

Debate ensued.

Question put—

The House divided—

Ayes, 8.		Noes, 31.	
Sir Langdon Bonython,	Mr. Dugald Thomson.	Mr. Bamford,	Mr. Mahon,
Mr. Brown,		Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. McCay,
Mr. Joseph Cook,	*Tellers.*	Mr. Chanter,	Mr. McColl,
Mr. Glynn,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Chapman,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Wilson.	Mr. Culpin,	Mr. McWilliams
		Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Poynton,
		Mr. Ewing,	Sir John Quick,
		Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Ronald,
		Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Salmon,
		Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Watkins,
		Mr. Groom,	Mr. Webster,
		Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Wilkinson.
		Mr. Hughes,	
		Mr. Hutchison,	*Tellers.*
		Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Hume Cook,
		Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Storrer.
		Sir William Lyne,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 3 be postponed until to-morrow.

8. AUDIT BILL (1906).—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House.—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.

Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had reconsidered the Bill and had agreed to the same with amendments.

On the motion of Sir John Forrest, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Bill to be passed through its remaining stages this day.

On the motion of Sir John Forrest, the House adopted the Report.

Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at eleven minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. G. B. Edwards*, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Liddell, Mr. Page, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Reid*, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. David Thomson, Sir George Turner, Mr. Wilks, and Mr. Willis.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 33.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 2ND AUGUST, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPERS.—Mr. Ewing presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Defence Department—

Memorandum by the Minister of State for Defence on the Estimates of the Defence Department for the Financial Year 1906-7.

Statement showing the amounts standing to the credit of clothing and contingent accounts of each corps of the Commonwealth Military Forces on 30th June, 1905, and also the allowance for 1905-6.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Ewing presented, pursuant to the direction of several Acts of Parliament—

Defence Acts 1903-1904—Military Forces—Financial and Allowance Regulations—Addition to paragraph 224—(Medical officers)—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 53.

Sir William Lyne presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act 1905—Provisional Regulations.—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 52.

3. PATENT MEDICINES, APPLIANCES, ETC.—EXAMINATION OF, ON IMPORT.—Mr. Thomas moved, pursuant to notice—

(1) That, in the opinion of this House, in the interest of the health of the community of Australia, it is desirable that all patent or proprietary medicines, all infantile and artificial foods, all medical and surgical appliances which purport to cure or alleviate any disease to which the human frame is subject should be critically examined on entry into the Commonwealth—

(*a*) To ascertain their contents and composition.
(*b*) To ascertain their value from a curative stand-point.
(*c*) To ascertain their value as a food.
(*d*) To ascertain their value as remedial agents.

(2) That it is further desirable that the exact pharmaceutical composition or construction should be set out clearly on the label or package or each bottle, tin, box, or parcel, and a clear definition be given of the ailment they profess to cure or alleviate.

(3) That in the event of the description on the bottle, tin, box, package, or parcel being false or misleading to the purchaser, then all such articles shall be refused admission into the Commonwealth, and all such as have been landed and not cleared shall be forfeited and destroyed.

Debate ensued.
Mr. McColl moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and negatived.
Debate on original motion continued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, Notices of Motion, General Business, were called on.

4. INDUSTRIAL LAWS: ALTERATION OF THE CONSTITUTION.—Mr. Mauger moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, all necessary steps should be taken, before any General Election, to pass a Bill for the alteration of the Constitution, to enable the Commonwealth Parliament to enact uniform industrial laws, so that at the time of the election the Bill may be inexpensively submitted to the electors, as provided in Section 128 of the Constitution.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Carpenter moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 23rd instant.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 and 2, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 3.

6. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. BOUNTIES BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Kelly moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 2 and 3, be postponed until Thursday, 6th September next.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. G. B. Edwards*, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lee, Mr. Page, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. David Thomson, Sir George Turner, Mr. Wilks, and Mr. Willis.

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No. 34.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 3RD AUGUST, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. POSTAL RATES BILL.—Mr. Chapman moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Postal Rates.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Chapman then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Postal Rates*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

3. BOUNTIES BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker took the Chair; Mr. Mauger reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. PAPERS.—Sir William Lyne presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Royal Commission on Customs and Excise Tariffs—Spirits and the Distillation of Spirits—Section 36 of Progress Report No. 2.—(Recommendations).

Sir John Forrest presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Financial Problems of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia—Memorandum by the Honorable Robert Harper.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Public Service Act 1902—Temporary Employés—Return showing the names of all persons temporarily employed in the Public Service during the year 1905-6, their periods of employment, and the remuneration paid to them.

5. DESIGNS BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole House on this Bill—
Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clauses 25 and 48.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Mauger reported that the Committee had reconsidered the portions of the Bill referred to it, and had agreed to the same with an amendment.
On the motion of Mr. Groom the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Bill to be passed through its remaining stages this day.
On the motion of Mr. Groom the House adopted the Reports.
Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

6. Message from the Senate.—Mail Service to Europe: Agreement with Sir James Laing and Sons, Limited.—Mr. Deputy-Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

Message No. 5.

Mr. Speaker,

In reply to Message No. 6 of the House of Representatives, dated 27th July, 1906, transmitting for the concurrence of the Senate a resolution in reference to the Agreement between the Postmaster-General and Sir James Laing and Sons Limited, for the carriage of mails between Brindisi and Adelaide, the Senate acquaints the House of Representatives that the Senate has agreed to a resolution on the subject, as follows :—

"That the Senate approves the Agreement made and entered into on the 7th day of July 1906, between the Postmaster-General, in and for the Commonwealth, and Sir James Laing and Sons Limited, for the carriage of mails between Adelaide and Brindisi, as per schedule, with the following modifications :—

Proviso to Clause 3—

Provided that, in the event of the Postmaster-General requiring the 'period of transit' on the voyage from Brindisi to Adelaide to be reduced to six hundred and twelve hours, the period of six hundred and twelve hours shall thenceforth be deemed to be the 'period of transit' for each voyage from Brindisi to Adelaide, and each such voyage shall be completed within that period.

Proviso to Clause 6—

In last two lines *leave out* 'failing mutual agreement be determined by arbitration in the manner provided in the said "General Conditions of Tender"', *insert* 'be determined by mutual agreement, subject to approval of Parliament, by resolution.'

Proviso to Clause 15—

After the word 'legislation' *insert* 'directly'; after the words 'with the consent of' *insert* 'or subject to approval by', and after 'Parliament' *insert* 'by resolution'."

W. G. HIGGS,
Deputy-President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 3rd August, 1906.

Ordered—That the Message be considered forthwith.
Mr. Chapman moved, That the House concur in the Resolution as amended by the Senate.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. Adjournment.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at ten minutes to five o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. G. B. Edwards*, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lee, Mr. McCay, Mr. McColl, Mr. Page, Mr. Poynton, Sir John Quick, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Thomas, Mr. David Thomson, Sir George Turner, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Wilks, and Mr. Willis.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 7TH AUGUST, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPER.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Kanakas—Deportation of.—Correspondence between the Prime Minister and the Premier of Queensland (23rd July to 3rd August, 1906), and Departmental Memorandum.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

3. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-six minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Culpin, Mr. G. B. Edwards*, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lee, Mr. McCay, Mr. McColl, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Page, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. David Thomson, Mr. Dugald Thomson, and Sir George Turner.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH AUGUST, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. HOUSE COMMITTEE—JOINT REPORT.—A Report from the Joint House Committee as to the working of the Refreshment Rooms was presented.
   Ordered to lie on the Table.

3. PAPER.—Mr. Chapman presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
   Telephone Lines in Country Districts—Paper read by Mr. John Hesketh, Chief Electrical Engineer, Postmaster-General's Department, at the Sale Convention of the Chamber of Agriculture on 5th July, 1906.
   Ordered to lie on the Table.

4. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
   Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—METEOROLOGY BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

   MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 6.

   The Senate has agreed to the amendment made by the House of Representatives in the Bill for "*An Act relating to Meteorological Observations.*"

   R. C. BAKER,
   President.

   The Senate,
   Melbourne, 8th August, 1906.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow.

7. PUBLIC SERVICE BILL (1906).—Mr. Brown moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Public Service Act* 1902.
   Debate ensued.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
   Mr. Brown then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Commonwealth Public Service Act* 1902,'" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
   Ordered—after debate—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 16th instant.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Isaacs moved, That the House do now adjourn.
   Debate ensued.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Culpin, Mr. G. B. Edwards*, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lee, Mr. McColl, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Page, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, and Mr. David Thomson.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 9TH AUGUST, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPER.—The following Paper was laid on the Table by the Clerk :—
   Canteens at Barracks.—Return to an Order of the House dated 1st August, 1906.

3. DEFENCE—COMPULSORY TRAINING OF ADULT MALES.—Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to notice—
   (1) That, in order to effectively defend the Commonwealth against possible enemies, it is imperative that all able-bodied adult males should be trained to the use of arms and instructed in such military or naval drill as may be necessary for the purpose.
   (2) That the foregoing resolution be forwarded to His Excellency the Governor-General.
   Debate ensued.
   Mr. McCay moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
   Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
   Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 30th instant.

4. PUBLIC SERVICE (APPEALS) BILL.—Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to Appeals by Public Servants as set forth in Section 50 of the Commonwealth Public Service Act 1902.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day, General Business, No. 1 be postponed until Thursday, 30th instant, and that Order of the Day, General Business, No. 2 be postponed until Thursday next.

6. FIRE INSURANCE BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Frazer moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
   Debate ensued.
   Mr. McCay moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
   Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
   Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 4, 5, and 6 be postponed until Thursday next.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—DESIGNS BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

   MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 7.*

   The Senate has agreed to the amendments made by the House of Representatives in the Bill for "*An Act relating to Copyright in Industrial Designs.*"

   R. C. BAKER,
   President.

   The Senate,
   Melbourne, 9th August, 1906.

9. PAPER.—The following Paper was laid on the Table by the Clerk :—
   Telephone line between Melbourne and Sydney—Estimate of Cost and Revenue.—Return to an Order of the House dated 26th October, 1905.

10. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—LANDS ACQUISITION BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 8.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act relating to the Acquisition by the Commonwealth of Land required for Public Purposes and for dealing with Land so acquired and for other purposes connected therewith,*" and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 9th August, 1906.

12. LANDS ACQUISITION BILL.—Mr. Isaacs moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to the Acquisition by the Commonwealth of Land required for Public Purposes and for dealing with Land so acquired and for other purposes connected therewith,*" be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Isaacs moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at fourteen minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Conroy, Mr. Culpin, Mr. G. B. Edwards*, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lee, Mr. McColl, Mr. Page, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. David Thomson, and Mr. Willis.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 10TH AUGUST, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—PRECEDENCE TO.—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice, That, until otherwise ordered, the Order of the House giving precedence to General Business on each Thursday until half-past six o'clock, be suspended, and that Government Business shall have precedence on each day of sitting.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

3. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 be postponed until Tuesday next.

5. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved, That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. PAPERS.—Sir William Lyne presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Royal Commission on Customs and Excise Tariffs.—Progress Reports—
No. 5.—Agricultural Machinery and Implements.
No. 6.—Stripper-Harvestors.

Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Royal Commission on Customs and Excise Tariffs—Minutes of Evidence, Vol. IV., Division VI., Metals and Machinery.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

7. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. ALTERATION OF TIME OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until half-past three o'clock on Tuesday next.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at seven minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Culpin, Mr. G. B. Edwards*, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lee, Mr. McColl, Mr. Page, Sir John Quick, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. David Thomson, Sir George Turner, and Mr. Willis.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 14TH AUGUST, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPER.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Papua Act 1905—Memorandum *re* Proclamation of, and Draft Letter respecting the appointment of a Royal Commission to inquire into British New Guinea affairs.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

3. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 9.

A Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the Residences of the Governor-General,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

8th August, 1906

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. G. B. Edwards*, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lee, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. Reid, Mr. Skene, Mr. Sydney Smith, and Mr. Wilks.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH AUGUST, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPER.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

   Defence—Report of the Committee of Imperial Defence upon a General Scheme of Defence for Australia.

   Ordered to lie on the Table.

3. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

   Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

   Debate ensued.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at sixteen minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chanter, Mr. G. B. Edwards*, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lee, Mr. Lonsdale, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Reid, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Wilks.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 16TH AUGUST, 1906.

. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

3. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir John Forrest moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at eighteen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. G. B. Edwards*, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lee, Mr. Lonsdale, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Reid, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Wilks.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 17TH AUGUST, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. BRITISH NEW GUINEA—JUDGE MURRAY'S REPORT ON THE O'BRIEN CASE.—Mr. Bamford moved, pursuant to notice, *amended*, That there be laid on the table of the Library a copy of the report of Judge Murray in the O'Brien case in New Guinea; also a copy of the instructions issued to Judge Murray in connexion with this case.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

3. BRITISH NEW GUINEA—THE RICHMOND CASE.—Mr. Bamford moved, pursuant to notice, *amended*, That there be laid on the table of the Library a copy of the preliminary and the final reports of Messrs. McLachlan, Garran, and Miller concerning the Richmond case in New Guinea.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. ELECTORAL VALIDATING BILL.—Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to validate the Electoral Divisions of the State of New South Wales.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
   Mr. Groom then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to validate the Electoral Divisions of the State of New South Wales*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
   Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

5. COPYRIGHT BILL (1906).—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Copyright Act* 1905.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Mahon reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
   Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. COPYRIGHT BILL (1906).—Mr. Deakin, pursuant to an Order of the House made this day, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Copyright Act* 1905,'" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
   Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-two minutes to five o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Conroy, Mr. G. B. Edwards*, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lee, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. McColl, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Reid, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Thomas, Sir George Turner, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Webster, Mr. Wilks, and Mr. Wilson.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 21ST AUGUST, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PREFERENTIAL BALLOT BILL.—Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the Law relating to Parliamentary Elections.
   Debate ensued.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
   Mr. Groom then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the Law relating to Parliamentary Elections,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
   Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

3. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered, That the consideration of Notice of Motion No. 2 and Order of the Day No. 1, Government Business, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 2.

4. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain Resolution in regard to Duties of Excise on Spirits.
   On the motion of Sir William Lyne, the House ordered that the Resolution be now recommitted to the Committee of Ways and Means for reconsideration.
   Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had reconsidered the Resolution referred to it, and had agreed to further amendments therein.
   Ordered—That the Resolution be considered at once.
   Mr. McDonald also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
   Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION—EXCISE DUTIES ON SPIRITS.—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Ways and Means was read, and is as follows :—

EXCISE DUTIES ON SPIRITS.

Resolved—That in lieu of the duties of Excise imposed by the Excise Tariff 1902 on Spirits, duties of Excise shall from the 17th day of August, 1906, be imposed upon spirits as follows :—

EXCISE DUTIES.

Dutiable Goods.	Duties.
SPIRITS, VIZ. :—	
(1) Brandy, distilled wholly from grape wine by a pot still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 40 per cent. over proof matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than two years and certified by an officer to be pure brandy .. .. per proof gallon	10s.
(2) Blended wine brandy, distilled from grape wine, and containing not less than 25 per cent. of pure grape wine spirit (which has been separately distilled by a pot still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 40 per cent. over proof), the whole being matured by storage in wood for a period not less than two years and certified by an officer to be brandy so blended and matured ... .. per proof gallon	11s.
(3) Blended spirits, distilled partly from grape wine and partly from grain, and containing not less than 25 per cent. of pure grape wine spirit (which has been separately distilled by a pot still or similar process, at a strength not exceeding 40 per cent. over proof), the whole being matured by storage in wood for a period not less than two years and certified by an officer to be spirits so blended and matured per proof gallon	12s
(4) Whisky, distilled wholly from barley malt by a pot still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 45 per cent. over proof matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than two years and certified by an officer to be pure malt whisky... ... ... per proof gallon	10s.
(5) Blended whisky, distilled partly from barley malt and partly from other grain, containing not less than 25 per cent. of pure barley malt spirit (which has been separately distilled by a pot still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 45 per cent. over proof), the whole being matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than two years and certified by an officer to be whisky so blended and matured ... ... per proof gallon	11s.
(6) Rum, distilled from molasses by a pot still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 45 per cent. over proof matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than two years and certified by an officer to be pure rum ... ... per proof gallon	12s.
(7) Gin, distilled from barley malt, grain, or grape wine, matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than two years and certified by an officer to be pure gin ... ... per proof gallon	12s.
(8) Spirits n.e.i. ... ... per proof gallon	13s.
(9) Spirit for industrial or scientific purposes, subject to regulations per proof gallon	13s.
(10) Methylated spirits, subject to regulations...	Free.
(11) Spirit for fortifying Australian wine, to be used subject to regulations per proof gallon	6d.

And the said Resolution was, on the motion of Sir William Lyne, by leave, read a second time and adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir William Lyne and Mr. Deakin do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

6. EXCISE TARIFF (1906 BILL).—Sir William Lyne then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Excise Tariff* 1902'" and moved, That it now be read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

7. SPIRITS BILL.—Sir William Lyne moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Spirits.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Sir William Lyne then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Spirits*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

8. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Isaacs moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at ten minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chanter Mr. Conroy, Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lee, Mr. Liddell, Mr. Phillips, Sir John Quick, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Wilson.

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No. 44.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND AUGUST, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. ALTERATION OF TIME OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Isaacs moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until half-past three o'clock to-morrow.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. KINGSTON).—Mr. Isaacs moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Adelaide (Mr. Kingston), on the ground of ill-health.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT.—REVENUE, ETC., IN QUEENSLAND.—Mr. Wilkinson moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid on the Table a Return showing the revenue and expenditure of the Queensland Post and Telegraph Department for each of the five years immediately preceding 30th June, 1900; also, the revenue and expenditure on account of the Postmaster-General's Department for the State of Queensland for each of the five years ended 30th June, 1906.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. PACIFIC ISLANDERS ENGAGED IN THE SUGAR INDUSTRY.—Mr. Carpenter moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Mahon, That there be laid upon the Table a Return showing—
(1) The estimated number of Pacific Islanders in Australia engaged in the sugar industry at 17th December, 1901.
(2) The number of Pacific Islanders who were admitted into Australia to work in the sugar industry between 17th December, 1901, and 31st March, 1904.
(3) Between 17th December, 1901, and 30th June, 1906, the number of Pacific Islanders engaged in sugar growing who (*a*) died, (*b*) quitted Australia.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. LANDS ACQUISITION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Johnson moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

7. ELECTORAL VALIDATING BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill, Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.
On the motion of Mr. Groom, the House adopted the Report, and ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the third reading to be moved this day.
Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

8. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight—

THURSDAY, 23RD AUGUST, 1906.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.
Mr. McDonald also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

9. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Isaacs moved, by leave, That the Standing Orders be suspended in order to enable all steps to be taken to pass the Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1906–7 through all its stages without delay.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

10. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and is as follows :—

ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1906–7.

Resolved—That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1906–7, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a sum not exceeding £479,724.
And, after debate, the said resolution was adopted by the House.

11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the remaining Orders of the Day, Government Business, except Order of the Day No. 10, be postponed until the next sitting.

12. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.
Mr. McDonald also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

13. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.—The resolution reported from the Committee of Ways and Means was read, and is as follows:—

ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1906–7.

Resolved—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year 1906–7, a sum not exceeding Four hundred and seventy-nine thousand seven hundred and twenty-four pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.
Ordered—That Sir John Forrest and Mr. Isaacs do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

14. APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1906–7.—Sir John Forrest then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and seven for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a first time.
Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.
On the motion of Sir John Forrest the House adopted the Report.
Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

15. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Isaacs moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at half-past three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chanter, Mr. Conroy, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. Lee, Mr. Liddell, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Sir George Turner, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Webster.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 23RD AUGUST, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPERS.—Mr. Ewing presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—

Defence Acts 1903–1904—

Cadet Corps—Regulation Amended—Para. 22—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 61.

Military Forces—

Regulations Amended—

Para. 123.—Retirement of Warrant and Non-commissioned Officers—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 59.

Paras. 175, 176, 181, &c.—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 58.

Financial and Allowance Regulations Amended—

Paras. 103, 113, 174, &c.—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 60.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—JUDICIARY BILL (1906).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 9.

The Senate has agreed to the Bill returned herewith intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Judiciary Act* 1903,'" without amendment.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 23rd August, 1906.

4. PREFERENTIAL BALLOT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Johnson moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

5. COPYRIGHT BILL (1906).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Isaacs moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Dugald Thomson moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

6. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.
Mr. McDonald also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Sir John Forrest moved, pursuant to notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended in order to enable all steps to be taken to obtain Supply, and to pass a Supply Bill through all its stages without delay.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

8. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and is as follows :—

Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Seven hundred and forty-eight thousand three hundred and sixty-three pounds be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year ending 30th June, 1907.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.

9. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.
Mr. McDonald also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

10. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.—The resolution reported from the Committee of Ways and Means was read, and is as follows :—

Resolved—That towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year ending 30th June, 1907, a sum not exceeding Seven hundred and forty-eight thousand three hundred and sixty-three pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.
Ordered—That Sir John Forrest and Mr. Chapman do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

11. SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1906–7.—Sir John Forrest then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and seven,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.
On the motion of Sir John Forrest, the House adopted the Report.
Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

12. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at eight minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chanter, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. Lee, Mr. Liddell, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Mahon, Mr. McCay, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Wilson.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 24TH AUGUST, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. EXCISE TARIFF BILL (1906).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Deakin moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
   Debate ensued.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
   Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.
   On the motion of Mr. Deakin, the House adopted the Report, and ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the third reading to be moved this day.
   Mr. Deakin moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

3. BOUNTIES BILL.—COUNT OUT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that a quorum of Members was not present in the Committee; whereupon Mr. Speaker counted the House, and the bells having been rung, and a quorum not having been obtained within the prescribed time, Mr. Speaker thereupon, at eight minutes to one o'clock p.m., adjourned the House until Tuesday next, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Crouch, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. Lee, Mr. Liddell, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Mahon, Mr. McCay, Mr. Phillips, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Ronald, Mr. Skene, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Sir George Turner, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Webster, Mr. Wilks, and Mr. Wilson.

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No. 47.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 28TH AUGUST, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPERS.—Sir John Forrest presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
   Audit Act 1901—Transfers of Amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council.—Financial year 1905-6 (dated 24th August, 1906.)

   Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
   Public Service Act 1902—
   Regulations Amended—Nos. 153, 155, 168, 199—Allowances, and Telegraph Messengers—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 66.
   Samuel McHutchison—Recommendation, &c., and approval of his promotion to the position of clerk in charge, Crown Solicitor's Office, Sydney.

3. REFERENDUM (CONSTITUTION ALTERATION) BILL.—Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the submission to the Electors of proposed laws for the alteration of the Constitution.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
   Mr. Groom then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to the submission to the Electors of proposed laws for the alteration of the Constitution,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
   Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 to 6 inclusive, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 7.

5. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
   Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1, 2, and 3, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 4.

7. SPIRITS BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Sir William Lyne moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
   Debate ensued.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
   Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same with amendments.
   Ordered—That the consideration of the Report be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

8. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 10.

A Bill intituled "*An Act relating to Meteorological Observations*," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
Melbourne, 28th August, 1906.

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 11.

A Bill intituled "*An Act relating to Copyright in Industrial Designs*," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
Melbourne, 28th August, 1906.

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 12.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Judiciary Act* 1903,'" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
Melbourne, 28th August, 1906.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 and 2, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 3.

10. PREFERENTIAL BALLOT BILL.—The Order of the Day, having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—

Mr. Wilks moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "That" be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof :—

"it is not expedient to proceed further with this Bill during the present Session for the following reasons :—

(1) A general election is imminent, and there is consequently not sufficient time for the proper consideration of the measure, or for making the necessary Electoral arrangements if the Bill became law.
(2) The proposals contained in the Bill are crude and incomplete.
(3) No provision is made for increasing the total number of votes polled, or for effective voting.
(4) The question has not been considered by the constituencies."

Debate continued.
Mr. Tudor moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir William Lyne moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirteen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Harper, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. Mahon, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Reid, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. David Thomson, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Watson, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Willis.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 29TH AUGUST, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PETITION.—Mr. Ewing presented a Petition from certain Indian cane-growers, farm labourers, and general labourers, resident on the Tweed River, in the State of New South Wales, praying that the House will take such steps as are practicable to protect them from the treatment they are subjected to, by being refused the bonus granted to other British subjects on cane grown by them, and by the difficulty they experience in obtaining work in consequence of the unfriendly attitude adopted towards them.

3. PAPER.—The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk—

Royal Commissions Appointed—Particulars concerning.—Return to an Order of the House dated 26th July, 1906.

4. BOUNTIES BILL—(LAPSED PROCEEDINGS RESUMED).—Sir William Lyne moved, pursuant to notice, That the proceedings in Committee on the Bounties Bill, which lapsed on Friday last, be resumed, and that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Speaker thereupon left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight—

THURSDAY, 30TH AUGUST, 1906.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same with amendments.

Ordered—That the consideration of the Report be made an Order of the Day for this day.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1906-7.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 10.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and seven,*" to which it has agreed without requests.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 29th August, 1906.

6. ALTERATION OF TIME OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until half-past three o'clock this day.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirteen minutes past four o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at half-past three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Conroy, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Reid, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. David Thomson, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Willis.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 30TH AUGUST, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 13.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and seven,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
Melbourne, 29th August, 1906.

3. POST-OFFICE AT GWALIA, WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—Mr. Mahon moved, pursuant to notice, That all papers of whatever character in connexion with the erection and opening of the post-office at Gwalia, in the State of Western Australia, be laid upon the Table of this House.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (SPECIAL DUTIES) BILL.—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to alter the Constitution with respect to the Appropriation of Special Duties of Customs and of Excise.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Deakin then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to alter the Constitution with respect to the Appropriation of Special Duties of Customs and of Excise,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

5. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (PUBLIC DEBTS OF STATES) BILL.—Sir John Forrest moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution relating to the Public Debts of the States.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. PAPER.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Preferential Customs Duties—Copy of Agreement between the Colony of New Zealand and the Commonwealth of Australia for proposed reciprocal and preferential concessions in certain Customs Duties.

Ordered to lie on the Table.
Mr. Deakin moved, That the Paper be printed.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 to 4 inclusive, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 5.

8. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

9. PAPER.—The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—
Pacific Islanders engaged in the Sugar Industry.—Return to an Order of the House dated 22nd August, 1906.

10. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

11. SPIRITS BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole House on this Bill—
Sir William Lyne moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of amendments inserted in Committee in clause 3, paragraph (*b*), page 2, and in paragraph (*b*), page 3; clause 11; and clause 15, sub-clause (*b*).
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had reconsidered the portions of the Bill referred to it, and had agreed to the same with further amendments.
On the motion of Sir William Lyne, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Bill to pass through all its remaining stages this day.
Sir William Lyne moved, That the Reports from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill be now adopted.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Sir William Lyne moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

12. BOUNTIES BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole House on this Bill—Sir William Lyne moved, That the Report be now adopted.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
On the motion of Sir William Lyne, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the third reading to be moved this day.
Sir William Lyne moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

13. REFERENDUM (CONSTITUTION ALTERATION) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

14. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirteen minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Conroy, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. Knox, Mr. McCay, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Reid, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. David Thomson, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Willis.

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No. 50.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 31st AUGUST, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. Preferential Ballot Bill.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time, *and on the amendment proposed thereto by Mr. Wilks, viz.:*—That all the words after the word "That" be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof:—

"it is not expedient to proceed further with this Bill during the present Session for the following reasons:—

(1) A general election is imminent, and there is consequently not sufficient time for the proper consideration of the measure, or for making the necessary Electoral arrangements if the Bill became law.

(2) The proposals contained in the Bill are crude and incomplete.

(3) No provision is made for increasing the total number of votes polled, or for effective voting.

(4) The question has not been considered by the constituencies."—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 22.		Noes, 15.	
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. McLean,
Sir Langdon Bonython,	Mr. McWilliams,	Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Fowler,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Ronald,	Mr. Frazer,	Mr. David Thomson.
Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Spence,	Mr. Hutchison,	
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Tudor,	Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Watson,	Mr. Lonsdale,	*Tellers.*
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Wilkinson.	Mr. McCay,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Groom,		Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Wilks.
Mr. Kennedy,	*Tellers.*		
Sir William Lyne,	Mr. Hume Cook,		
Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Mauger.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

3. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir William Lyne moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at four minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Conroy, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. McColl, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Reid, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Sir George Turner, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Webster, Mr. Willis, and Mr. Wilson.

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No. 51.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (SPECIAL DUTIES) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Deakin moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

3. PREFERENTIAL BALLOT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. REFERENDUM (CONSTITUTION ALTERATION) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.
On the motion of Mr. Isaacs the House adopted the Report.
Ordered—That the third reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

5. PAPER.—Sir John Forrest presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
Audit Act 1901.—Transfers of Amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council, financial year 1905–6 (dated 3rd September, 1906).

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered, after debate, That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 4 be postponed until to-morrow.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at eleven minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Batchelor, Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. Lonsdale, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Reid, Mr. Skene, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Storrer, Mr. Dugald Thomson, and Mr. Webster.

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No. 52.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH SEPTEMBER, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPER.—Mr. Deakin presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—

Immigration Restriction Acts 1901–1905.—Provisional Regulation—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 70.

3. PREFERENTIAL DUTIES ON BRITISH GOODS—COMPARATIVE VALUES OF ARTICLES IMPORTED.—Mr. Kelly moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of the House a Return showing—

(1) The values each year for the past three years of each line of imported articles—

(*a*) From the United Kingdom,
(*b*) From elsewhere,

on which a preference is proposed to be granted to the products of the United Kingdom.

(2) The values each year for the past three years of each line of imported articles—

(*a*) From the United Kingdom,
(*b*) From elsewhere,

on which no such preference is proposed to be granted.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. STRIPPER HARVESTERS—IMPORTS, MANUFACTURES, AND EXPORTS.—Mr. Kelly moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of the House a Return showing—

(1) The number of stripper harvesters imported—

(*a*) From Canada (whether *viâ* other countries or direct),
(*b*) From elsewhere,

during each of the last two years.

(2) The number of Australian stripper harvesters produced in Australia during each of the last two years.

(3) The number of Australian stripper harvesters exported from Australia during each of the last two years.

(4) The countries to which Australian stripper harvesters have been exported during each of the last two years.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

PAPER.—The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

Stripper Harvesters—Imports, Manufactures, and Exports.—Return to an order of the House dated this day.

Ordered—That the Paper be printed.

7. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (STATE DEBTS) BILL.—Sir John Forrest, pursuant to an Order of the House made on the 30th ultimo, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to alter the Provisions of the Constitution relating to the Public Debts of the States,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIES PRESERVATION BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 11.

The Senate has agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*A Bill for an Act for the Preservation of Australian Industries, and for the Repression of Destructive Monopolies,*" with the amendments indicated in the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Senate desires the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 5th September, 1906.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-eight minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. Lonsdale, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Reid, Mr. Skene, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Dugald Thomson, and Mr. Webster.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 53.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PRINTING COMMITTEE—THIRD REPORT FROM.—Mr. Poynton, for the Chairman, brought up the Third Report from the Printing Committee.

The Report was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have dealt with all the Papers and the Petition laid on the Table of the House since the last meeting of the Committee.

Your Committee find that the following Papers, presented to both Houses, have been printed by the Senate :—

Northern Territory—Conference between the Prime Minister and the Premier of South Australia.
Public Service Act 1902—Regulation amended, No. 104.
House Committee—Joint Report on Refreshment Rooms.
Canteens at Barracks—Particulars respecting.
Defence—Report of the Committee of Imperial Defence upon a General Scheme of Defence for Australia.
Finance, 1905-6—Transfers under Audit Act.

Your Committee recommend that the following Papers be printed :—

Military Forces—Annual Report, 1905.
Naval Defence—Report by the Director of Naval Forces, 1905.
Bursting of M.L.E. rifles—Report by C. Napier Hake and T. R. Lyle.
Military Board—Report, 1905.
Memorandum by the Minister of Defence on the Estimates, 1906-7.
Telephone Lines in Country Districts—Paper by Mr. Hesketh, Chief Electrical Engineer.
Pacific Islanders engaged in Sugar Industry.

A. POYNTON,
For Chairman.

House of Representatives,
Committee Room, 6th September, 1906.

Mr. Poynton moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Wilson moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the motion—"and that the Return presented to the House on 29th August last, in regard to Royal Commissions be also printed.
Debate continued.
Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Question—That the Report be agreed to—put and resolved in the affirmative.

3. Royal Commissions—Printing of Paper.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the Return to the Order of the House, dated 26th July, 1906, giving particulars in regard to Royal Commissions, which was presented on 29th August, 1906, be printed.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. Ways and Means.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight—

FRIDAY, 7th SEPTEMBER, 1906.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that a quorum of Members was not present in the Committee; whereupon Mr. Speaker counted the House, and a quorum of Members having been obtained, the House again resolved itself into the Committee.
Mr. Speaker again resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had agreed to certain resolutions.
Ordered—That the consideration of the resolutions be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
Mr. McDonald also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. Message from the Senate—Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1906-7.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

Mr. Speaker, *Message No.* 12.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and seven for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.,*" to which it has agreed without amendment.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 7th September, 1906.

6. Postponement of Orders of the Day.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 6 inclusive be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 7.

7. Constitution Alteration (State Debts) Bill.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. McWilliams moved—That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

8. Adjournment.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-four minutes to five o'clock in the afternoon adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. David Thomson, Mr. Dugald Thomson, and Mr. Webster.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General.

Message No. 14.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and seven for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
Melbourne, 7th September, 1906.

3. PETITION.—Sir Langdon Bonython presented a Petition from the municipal corporation of the City of Adelaide, and the municipal corporations and district councils within the metropolitan area, under their common seals, praying that the House will amend the Lands Acquisition Bill by the insertion of a provision that nothing in the Act shall authorize the acquisition by the Commonwealth of any land dedicated, reserved, or held for the use, recreation, or enjoyment of the public.
Petition received and read.

4. PACIFIC ISLAND LABOURERS BILL (1906).—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Pacific Island Labourers Act* 1901.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Deakin then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Pacific Island Labourers Act* 1901 '," and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

5. COMPANIES (REGISTERED OFFICES) BILL.—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Isaacs, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the Registered Offices of certain Companies.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (SPECIAL DUTIES) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at seven minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bamford, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. Liddell, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Reid, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. David Thomson, and Mr. Watkins.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH SEPTEMBER, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MR. W. P. HALLAM: SERVICES IN REGARD TO TELEPHONE SYSTEMS.—Mr. G. B. Edwards moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of the House a Return showing the nature and extent of any special services rendered by William P. Hallam, telegraph operator at Hobart, in connexion with—

   (*a*) The telephone system of Western Australia;
   (*b*) The telephone system of Queensland;

   Also what recognition these services have received in promotion or otherwise.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

3. TIME OF MEETING ON WEDNESDAYS AND THURSDAYS.—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, the hour of meeting of the House on each Wednesday and Thursday for the remainder of the Session shall be half-past ten o'clock in the morning.
   Debate ensued.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. PAPER.—Mr. Ewing presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—

   Defence Acts 1903-1904—
   Military Forces—Financial and Allowance Regulations—Compensation in case of permanent injury or death. Paragraphs 131 and 135—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 67.

5. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
   Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
   Debate ensued.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at ten minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bamford, Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. Liddell, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Reid, Mr. Skene, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. David Thomson, and Mr. Watkins.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPER.—The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

Preferential Duties on British Goods—Comparative Values of Articles Imported—Return to an Order of the House dated 5th September, 1906.

3. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. McDonald reported that a quorum of Members was not present in the Committee ; whereupon Mr. Speaker counted the House, and a quorum of Members having been obtained, the House again resolved itself into the Committee.

Mr. Speaker again resumed the Chair ; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIES PRESERVATION BILL—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the amendments made by the Senate in this Bill—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had agreed to the amendments, which are as follow :—

No. 1.—Page 3, clause 6, after paragraph (*c*) insert—

"(*d*) If the defendant, with respect to any goods or services which are the subject of the competition, gives, offers, or promises to any person any rebate, refund, discount, or reward upon condition that that person deals, or in consideration of that person having dealt, with the defendant to the exclusion of other persons dealing in similar goods or services."

No. 2.—Page 3, clause 6, sub-clause (2.), line 8, leave out "the efficiency of", and at end of sub-clause add "being reasonably efficient, effective, and up-to-date".

No. 3.—Page 6, clause 18, line 2, after "unfair" insert "unless the contrary is proved".

No. 4.—Page 6, clause 18, lines 11 and 12, leave out—

"(2.) In the following cases the competition shall be deemed unfair unless the contrary is proved"—

And leave out "If" at the commencement of paragraphs (*a*) (*b*) (*c*) and (*d*) of sub-clause (2.), and insert "or" at end of paragraph (*b*) of sub-clause (1.), and paragraphs (*a*) (*b*) and (*c*) of sub-clause (2.), being consequential on amendments in the clause.

Mr. Speaker,

The Senate retur
'*Audit Act* 1901'," to which it has agr
in which amendments the Senate reque

The Senate,
Melbourne, 13th September, 1906.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken in consideration forthwith.
And the said amendments were read and are as follow :—

Schedule of the Amendments made by the Senate.

No. 1.—Page 2, clause 6, line 15, after "certified" insert "if the same has been checked by a responsible officer, and".

No. 2.—Page 2, clause 6, line 18, leave out "at the end of" insert "after the word 'always' in".

Sir John Forrest moved, That the House agree to the amendments.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. Adjournment.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-one minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bamford, Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. Liddell, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Reid, Mr. Skene, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. David Thomson, and Mr. Watkins.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. TASMANIAN CABLE RATES BILL.—Mr. Chapman moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Post and Telegraph Rates Act* 1902.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Chapman then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Post and Telegraph Rates Act* 1902,'" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—by leave—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for this day, at a later hour.

3. PAPERS.—Mr. Chapman presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
Post and Telegraph Act 1901—
General Postal Regulations — Prepayment of Postage—Telegraphic Regulations — Destruction of Undelivered Telegrams—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 62.
Telephone Regulations—Private Telephone Lines in Country Districts—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 69.

4. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PAPUA BILL (1906).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 14.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Papua Act* 1905,'" and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 14th September, 1906.

6. PAPUA BILL (1906).—Mr. Fisher moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Papua Act* 1905,'" be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

7. TASMANIAN CABLE RATES BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill, Mr. Chapman moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.
On the motion of Mr. Chapman the House adopted the Report, and ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the third reading to be moved this day.
Mr. Chapman moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

8. PAPERS.—Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Public Service Act 1902—
Regulations amended—No. 102. Salary of an officer upon transfer—General Division; No. 104. Grading of Line Repairers; No. 149. Travelling Allowances—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 72.

Mr. Ewing presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Defence—Report by the Inspector-General of the Commonwealth Military Forces, Major-General H. Finn, dated 1st September, 1906.
Ordered to lie on the Table.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty minutes to five o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bamford, Mr. Batchelor, Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Brown, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. Liddell, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. McColl, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Poynton, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Skene, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. David Thomson, Sir George Turner, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Willis.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPERS.—Mr. Deakin presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
   Pacific Island Labourers Act 1901—Provisional Regulations—Proceedings for obtaining Order for Deportation—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 71.

   Sir William Lyne presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—
   Distillation Act 1901—Regulations Amended—Nos. 48, 69, 70—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 54.
   Customs Act 1901—Regulations Amended—
   No. 151A—Vessels trading within limits of a State—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 55.
   No. 103 (*d*)—Re-importation of goods—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 56.
   No. 101—Solcof Coffee—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 57.
   No. 17 (*d*)—Overtime Rates—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 68.

3. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (SPECIAL DUTIES) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.
   On the motion of Mr. Deakin, the House adopted the Report.
   Ordered—That the third reading be made an Order of the Day for Thursday next.

4. PAPERS.—Sir John Forrest presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General :—
   State Public Debts—Table prepared by the Treasurer, showing probable saving under Commonwealth as compared with State Control.
   Ordered, after debate, to lie on the Table and to be printed.

   Mr. Ewing presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General :—

   Defence Department—Report giving the history of the Department, from the date of its transfer to the Commonwealth to the 30th June, 1906.
   Ordered to lie on the Table.

   Mr. Ewing presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament :—

   Defence Acts 1903–1904—Provisional Regulations—
   Military Regulations—Financial and Allowance Regulations—
   Paras. 42 and 61 amended—Barrack Damages; Telegraph Linesmen—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 73.
   Para. 98 amended—Repairs to Saddlery—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 75.
   Military Regulations—
   Para. 281, line 1, amended—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 74.
   Para. 164—Addition to—Appointment of Military Staff Clerks—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 76.

5. LIFE ASSURANCE (FOREIGN COMPANIES) BILL.—Mr. Groom, pursuant to leave given on 15th June last, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Foreign Companies carrying on the business of Life Assurance in Australia*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
   Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-seven minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except— Mr. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Fuller, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Kingston *, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. McCay, Mr. McColl, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Spence, Mr. David Thomson, and Mr. Willis.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered, That the Notice of Motion, Government Business, be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

3. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight—

THURSDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER, 1906.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that a quorum of Members was not present in the Committee; whereupon Mr. Speaker counted the House, and a quorum of Members having been obtained, the House again resolved itself into the Committee.

Mr. Speaker again resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that he had been requested to ask the opinion of Mr. Speaker on a point of order raised in Committee, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, as soon as Mr. Speaker has given his opinion on the question, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. POINT OF ORDER—AMENDMENT INVOLVING TAXATION.—Mr. McDonald then stated, that in the Committee of Ways and Means he, as Chairman, had decided with regard to an amendment proposed by the honorable Member for Gwydir (Mr. Webster) as follows:—

> "That the amendment is one that involves additional taxation, and should not in my opinion be introduced by any Member other than a Minister of the Crown.
>
> I therefore rule (1) That as the amendment involves additional taxation it cannot be moved by a private Member; (2) That metals are not part of the proposed schedule, therefore it is a new item of taxation. Consequently I rule the amendment out of order."

The Committee had desired that the ruling should be referred to the Speaker for decision.

Mr. Speaker stated that he supported the ruling of the Chairman that as the amendment involved additional taxation it could not be moved, unless in substitution for some other levies, by a private Member; and secondly, that as metals formed no part of the schedule before the Committee, the amendment could not be moved by a private Member.

5. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House thereupon again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker again resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had agreed to certain resolutions.

Ordered—That the consideration of the resolutions be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

Mr. McDonald also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, at its next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (SENATE ELECTIONS) BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 15.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution relating to the election of Senators,*" and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 19th September, 1906.

7. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (SENATE ELECTIONS) BILL.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*A Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution relating to the election of Senators,*" be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

8. ALTERATION OF TIME OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until half-past two o'clock this afternoon.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at half-past six o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this afternoon at half-past two o'clock.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Brown, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Fuller, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. McColl, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Spence, and Mr. David Thomson.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER, 1906

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PETITION.—Mr. Glynn presented a Petition, containing 8,366 signatures, from certain inhabitants of Adelaide, praying that the House will so amend the Lands Acquisition Bill that all Crown lands dedicated for public parks, or for recreation of the public, may be excluded from its operation.
Petition received and read.

3. PAPER.—Sir John Forrest presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
Audit Act 1901.—Transfers of Amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council—Financial year 1905–6 (dated 18th September, 1906).

4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1, be postponed until a later hour this day.

5. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (STATE DEBTS) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed—

6. DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.—On the suggestion of Mr. Deakin, His Excellency Vice-Admiral Sir W. H. Fawkes was provided with a seat on the floor of the House.

7. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (STATE DEBTS) BILL.—The debate (interrupted as above) on the question, That this Bill be now read a second time, was resumed.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Batchelor reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same without amendment.
On the motion of Sir John Forrest, the House adopted the Report.
Ordered, by leave—That the third reading be made an Order of the Day for this day, at a later hour.

8. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (SENATE ELECTIONS) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Batchelor reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same without amendment.
On the motion of Mr. Groom, the House adopted the Report.
Ordered, by leave—That the third reading be made an Order of the Day for this day, at a later hour.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of Order of the Day Government Business, No. 4, be postponed until a later hour this day.

10. REFERENDUM (CONSTITUTION ALTERATION) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the third reading of this Bill—Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clause 6 and the Schedule, Forms A, B, and C and the consideration of new clause 31A.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Batchelor reported that the Committee had reconsidered the portions of the Bill referred to it, and had agreed to the same with further amendments.

Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Bill to pass through its remaining stages without delay.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

On the motion of Mr. Groom, the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

11. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Batchelor reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

12. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTIONS.—BRITISH PREFERENCE.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of certain Resolutions reported from the Committee of Ways and Means—

Ordered, after debate—That the Resolutions be recommitted for the reconsideration of item 136, item 115 (as to watches), item 85 (A) and (B), Division VII. (*d*), (*f*) (as to Paris Green), and (*i*).

Mr. Speaker thereupon left the Chair, and the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

13. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (STATE DEBTS) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the third reading of this Bill—Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 50.		Noes, 3.	
Mr. Bamford,	Sir William Lyne,	Mr. O'Malley.	*Tellers.*
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. Maloney,		Mr. Brown,
Sir Langdon Bonython,	Mr. McCay,		Mr. Page.
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. McColl,		
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. McDonald,		
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Poynton,		
Mr. Crouch,	Sir John Quick,		
Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Ronald,		
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Salmon,		
Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Mr. Skene,		
Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Storrer,		
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Thomas,		
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,		
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Tudor,		
Mr. Frazer,	Sir George Turner,		
Mr. Glynn,	Mr. Watkins,		
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Watson,		
Mr. Harper,	Mr. Webster,		
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Wilkinson,		
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Willis,		
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Wilson.		
Mr. Isaacs,			
Mr. Johnson,			
Mr. Kelly,	*Tellers.*		
Mr. Kennedy,			
Mr. Knox,	Mr. Hume Cook,		
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Mauger.		

And so the question—That the Bill be now read a third time—was resolved in the affirmative by an absolute majority of the House.

Bill accordingly read a third time.

14. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (SENATE ELECTIONS) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the third reading of this Bill—Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.
And no Members voting with the "Noes," and the following Members voting with the "Ayes":—

Ayes, 52.

Mr. Bamford,	Mr. Glynn,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. Groom,	Mr. Poynton.
Sir Langdon Bonython,	Mr. Harper,	Sir John Quick,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Skene,
Mr. Hume Cook,	Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Storrer,
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Mr. Culpin,	Sir William Lyne,	Mr. Tudor,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Mahon,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. McCay,	Mr. Webster,
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. McColl,	Mr. Wilkinson,
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. McWilliams,	Mr. Wilson.
	Mr. O'Malley,	

—the question—That the Bill be now read a third time—was resolved in the affirmative by an absolute majority of the House.
Bill accordingly read a third time.

15. Constitution Alteration (Special Duties) Bill.—The Order of the Day having been read for the third reading of this Bill—Mr. Deakin moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put.
The House divided—

Ayes, 44.

Mr. Bamford,	Mr. Maloney,
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. Mauger,
Sir Langdon Bonython,	Mr. McCay,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. McColl,
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. McWilliams,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. O'Malley,
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Poynton,
Mr. Deakin,	Sir John Quick,
Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Storrer,
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Frazer,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Harper,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Wilson.
Mr. Isaacs,	
Mr. Kennedy,	*Tellers.*
Sir William Lyne,	Mr. Hume Cook,
Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Tudor.

Noes, 10.

Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Mr. Glynn,	Mr. Webster.
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Liddell,	*Tellers.*
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. G. B. Edwards,
Mr. Skene,	Mr. Kelly.

And so the question—That the Bill be now read a third time—was resolved in the affirmative by an absolute majority of the House.
Bill accordingly read a third time.

16. Paper.—Sir John Forrest presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
State Public Debts.—Statement showing amount of saving to the year 1952, assuming that the Commonwealth can float loans at quarter per cent. less interest than the States, and that such quarter per cent. be accumulated at 3 per cent. per annum compound interest.
Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

17. Ways and Means.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had reconsidered the items in regard to British Preference, recommitted to it, and had agreed to the same, with further amendments.
Ordered, by leave—That the Resolutions be considered at once.
Mr. McDonald also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

18. Ways and Means Resolutions.—British Preference.—The Resolutions reported from the Committee of Ways and Means were read, and are as follow:—

IMPORT DUTIES.

Resolved, with a view of giving preference to the United Kingdom, That in lieu of the duties of Customs imposed by the Customs Tariff 1902 on the items shown in the attached schedule, duties of Customs shall from the 30th day of August, 1906, at 4.30 p.m., Victorian time, be imposed as follows:—

THE SCHEDULE.

"N.E.I." means "not elsewhere included."

All imitations to be dutiable at the rate chargeable on the goods they imitate, unless such rate is less than the rate which would otherwise be chargeable on the imitations.

IMPORT DUTIES.

No. of Item in Customs Tariff 1902.	Dutiable Goods.	Rate of duty prior to this resolution.	Duties.	
			On dutiable goods the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom and imported direct in British ships.	On dutiable goods not the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom or not imported direct in British ships.
	Arms and Ammunition—			
Item 136 (A)...	Ammunition and Cartridges, n.e.i.	Free	Free	ad val. 10 per cent.
„ 136 (E)...	Dynamite	Free	Free	ad val. 10 per cent. up to 4.30 p.m., Victorian time, on 14th Sept., 1906
„ 136 (E)...	Explosives, n.e.i.	Free	Free	ad val. 10 per cent. on and after 4.30 p.m., Victorian time, on 14th Sept., 1906
„ 136 (C)...	Fuse	Free	Free	ad val. 10 per cent.
„ 73 (A) ...	Revolvers, Pistols, Air Guns and Air Pistols, Bayonets, Swords, Fencing Foils and Masks, Gun, Revolver and Pistol Covers, Cases, and Fittings, Loading Tools, and Cartridge Belts ... ad val.	15 per cent.	15 per cent.	22½ per cent.
Item 73 (B) ...	Rifles, n.e.i., and Shot Guns ad val.	10 per cent.	10 per cent.	15 per cent.
Div. VI. (*a*) ...	Arms, viz.:—Rifles, Military and Match, including Cadet Rifles ...	Free	Free	ad val. 10 per cent.
Item 111 (A)...	Wicker, Bamboo, Cane, or Wood— All articles n.e.i., made of, whether partly or wholly finished, including Bellows, Casks, Shooks, Sashes and Frames, Timber bent, n.e.i., Wood cut into shape and dressed or partly dressed for making boxes or doors, Walking Sticks and Canes ... ad val.	20 per cent.	20 per cent.	30 per cent.
	Wicker, Bamboo, Cane, or Wood, viz.:—			
Div. X. (*o*) ...	Buckets, Wooden	Free	Free	ad val. 10 per cent.
„ X. (*r*) ...	Last blocks, rough turned ...			
„ X. (*s*) ...	Lasts and Trees, wooden ...			
„ X. (*t*) ...	Wooden Type, Wooden Type Cases, and Type Cabinets and Cases			
Item 124 ...	Bicycles, Tricycles, and similar vehicles; Vehicles, n.e.i., and parts thereof, n.e.i.; Cycle parts (except tyres) plated, enamelled, polished, or otherwise completed, or brazed, or permanently joined, including Cycle accessories and Motor vehicles ... ... ad val.	20 per cent.	20 per cent.	30 per cent.
	Boots and Shoes, except partly or wholly of lasting or stuff, English sizes to be the standard, viz.:—			
„ 116 (A) ...	Men's sizes above 5 ...	30 per cent.	30 per cent.	40 per cent.
„ 116 (B) ...	Youths' sizes above 1			
„ 116 (C) ...	Boys' sizes 7 to 1 ...			
„ 116 (D) ...	Women's sizes above 2			
„ 116 (E) ...	Girls' sizes above 10...			
„ 116 (F) ...	Girls' sizes 7 to 10 ...			
„ 116 (G) ...	Slippers, Leather ...			
„ 117 (A) ...	Boots and Shoes, n.e.i. (including Indiarubber), Goloshes, Slippers, n.e.i., Boot and Shoe Uppers and Tops, Clogs and Pattens, Wading Boots, Slipper Forms in the piece or otherwise, Cork, Leather, or other Socks or Soles ... ad val.	25 per cent.	25 per cent.	35 per cent.
„ 117 (B) ...	Rubber Sand Shoes ... ad val.	20 per cent.	20 per cent.	30 per cent.

SCHEDULE—*continued.*

No. of Item in Customs Tariff 1902.	Dutiable Goods.	Rate of duty prior to this resolution.	Duties.	
			On dutiable goods the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom and imported direct in British ships.	On dutiable goods not the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom or not imported direct in British ships.
Item 115 ...	Clocks, and Chronometers, n.e.i., and parts thereof, Time Registers and Detectors, Opera, Field, and Marine Glasses, Pedometers, Pocket Counters, Kinematographs, Kinetoscopes, Phonographs, Graphophones, Gramaphones, Cameras, and Magic Lanterns, including accessories ad val.	20 per cent.	20 per cent.	30 per cent.
Div. XI. (*f*) ...	Ships' Compasses, Pocket Compasses, Surveyors' Compasses, except when mounted in gold or silver	Free	Free	ad val. 10 per cent.
„ (*g*) ...	Ships' Chronometers, Patent Logs, and Sounding Machines ...			
„ (*i*) ...	Microscopes, Telescopes, Spectacles, except gold, silver, or gold-plated or silver-plated; Barometers and Thermometers, except advertising, and Watch and Clock Springs			
Item 109 ...	Furniture n.e.i. (except metal), in parts or finished, including Billiard and Bagatelle Tables and Boards and Accessories, Photograph Frames and Stands for Pictures, Picture Frames (on pictures or otherwise), and Picture Mouldings, Cabinets, Brackets, Trays, Verandah Blinds, Screens, Hair (Curled), Show Figures for Draping or other purposes, Writing and Stationery Cases, Writing Desks, and Mirrors, framed or set ... ... ad val.	20 per cent.	20 per cent.	30 per cent.
Item 78 (H) ...	Engines, Gas and Oil, and High-speed Engines and Turbines, water and steam ... ad val.	12½ per cent.	12½ per cent.	22½ per cent.
	Paints and Colours—			
„ 85 (A) ...	Ground, in Liquid per cwt.	2s.	2s.	2s. 6d.
„ 85 (B) ...	Prepared for use „	4s.	4s.	5s.
Div. VII. (*b*)...	Ceramic colours	Free	Free	ad val. 10 per cent.
„ (*c*)...	Colours, Artists'			
„ (*e*)...	Lamp, Ivory, Bone, and Vegetable Blacks			
„ (*f*) ...	London Purple			
„ (*g*) ...	Prepared Glazes for Pottery ...			
„ (*h*) ...	Sulphate of Copper			
Item 122 (G)...	Paper, Bags per cwt.	5s.	5s.	6s.
„ 122 (H) ..	Paperhangings ad val.	15 per cent.	15 per cent.	25 per cent.
	Pickles, Sauces, Chutneys, Olives, and Capers—			
„ 44 (A) ...	Quarter-pints and smaller sizes per doz.	6d.	6d.	7½d.
„ 44 (B) ...	Half-pints and over quarter-pints ... ... per doz.	1s.	1s.	1s. 3d.
„ 44 (C) ...	Pints and over half-pints per doz.	2s.	2s.	2s. 6d.
„ 44 (D) ...	Quarts and over pints per doz.	4s.	4s.	5s.
„ 44 (E) ...	Exceeding a quart per gall.	1s. 4d.	1s. 4d.	1s. 8d.
„ 78 (C) ...	Cutlery, n.e.i. (including Manicure Sets and Knife Sharpeners); also Instruments, Drawing, Mathematical and Surveying ... ... ad val.	15 per cent.	15 per cent.	25 per cent.
„ 78 (M) ...	Platedware and Plated Cutlery ad val.	20 per cent.	20 per cent.	30 per cent
„ 53 (A) ...	Starch, including Starch in powdered form ... per lb.	2d.	2d.	2½d.

And the said Resolutions were, on the motion of Sir William Lyne, adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir William Lyne and Mr. Deakin do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

19. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at six minutes to ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chanter, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Fuller, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Reid, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Spence, and Mr. David Thomson.

* On leave.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 21st SEPTEMBER, 1906.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. Postponement of Order of the Day.—Ordered, That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1, be postponed until after the consideration of the remaining Orders of the Day, Government Business.

3. Customs Tariff (British Preference) Bill.—Sir William Lyne, pursuant to an Order of the House made yesterday, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Customs*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered, by leave—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for this day, at a later hour.

4. Ways and Means Resolutions.—Import Duties on Stripper Harvesters, etc.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of certain Resolutions reported from the Committee of Ways and Means, the said Resolutions were read, and are as follow :—

IMPORT DUTIES.

Resolved—That in lieu of the Duties of Customs imposed by the Customs Tariff 1902 on the items shown in the attached schedule, duties of Customs shall from the 28th day of August, 1906, at 4.30 p.m., Victorian time, be imposed as follows :—

SCHEDULE.

Items.	Duties.
Fixed Rates.	
Stripper Harvesters	each, £16 ; and on and after 7th September, 1906, each, £12.
Strippers	each, £8 ; and on and after 7th September, 1906, each, £6.
Metal parts of Stripper Harvesters and Strippers ...	per lb., 2½d.; and on and after 7th September, 1906, per lb., 1¾d.
Ad Valorem Rates	
Stump Jump Ploughs	ad valorem, 25 per cent.
Disc Cultivators	
Winnowers, horse and other power	
Combined Corn Sheller Husker and Bagger	
Combined Corn Sheller and Husker	
Fertilizers and Seed Drills	ad valorem, 25 per cent., on and after 7th September, 1906.
Ploughs, other	ad valorem, 20 per cent.
Plough Shares	
Harrows	
Chaff Cutters and Horse Gear	
Cultivators other than Disc	
Scarifiers	
Plough Mould Boards	
Corn Shellers	
Corn Huskers	

The following goods shall be free of Customs duty :—

Manufactures of Metal, viz.—

Hand-worked Rakes and Ploughs combined,
Hay Tedders,
Maize Harvesters,
Maize Binders,
Maize Planters,
Mould Board Plates in the rough and not cut into shape,
Potato Sorters,
Potato Raisers or Diggers.

Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the Resolutions be recommitted for the reconsideration of the item, Fertilizers and Seed Drills.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

And the said Resolutions were, on the motion of Sir William Lyne, adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir William Lyne and Mr. Deakin do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

5. Customs Tariff [Stripper Harvesters, etc.] Bill (1906).—Sir William Lyne then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Customs*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered, by leave—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for this day, at a later hour.

6. Ways and Means.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker took the Chair ; Mr. Batchelor reported that the Committee had agreed to certain Resolutions.

Ordered—That the Resolutions be considered forthwith.

Mr. Batchelor also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. Ways and Means Resolutions.—Excise Duties on Stripper Harvesters, etc.—The Resolutions reported from the Committee of Ways and Means were read, and are as follow :—

Resolved—That Duties of Excise shall, from the first day of January, 1907, be imposed on the dutiable goods hereunder specified as follows :—

Excise Duties.

Dutiable Goods.		Duties.
Fixed Rates.		
Stripper Harvesters ... ... each		£6
Strippers ... ... each		£3
Metal parts of Stripper Harvesters and Strippers ... ... per lb.		⅛d.
Ad Valorem Rates.		
Stump Jump Ploughs	*ad valorem*	12½ per cent.
Disc Cultivators		
Winnowers, Horse and other power		
Combined Corn Sheller Husker and Bagger		
Combined Corn Sheller and Husker		
Drills—		
Fertilizer	*ad valorem*	12½ per cent.
Seed		
Grain		
and attachments thereto		
Ploughs, other	*ad valorem*	10 per cent.
Plough Shares		
Harrows		
Chaffcutters and Horse Gear		
Cultivators other than Disc		
Scarifiers		
Plough Mould Boards		
Corn Shellers		
Corn Huskers		
Exemptions.		
Hand-worked Rakes and Ploughs combined.		
Hay Tedders.		
Maize Harvesters.		
Maize Binders.		
Maize Planters.		
Mould Board Plates in the rough and not cut into shape.		
Potato Sorters.		
Potato Raisers or Diggers.		

Provided that this Resolution shall not apply to goods manufactured by any person in any part of the Commonwealth under conditions as to the remuneration of labour which—

(*a*) are declared by resolution of both Houses of the Parliament to be fair and reasonable ; or

(*b*) are in accordance with an industrial award under the *Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act* 1904 ; or

(*c*) are in accordance with the terms of an industrial agreement filed under the *Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act* 1904; or

(*d*) are in accordance with terms which in the opinion of the Minister are fair and reasonable; or

(*e*) are, on an application made for the purpose to the President of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, declared to be fair and reasonable by him or by a Judge of the Supreme Court of a State or any person or persons who compose a State Industrial Authority to whom he may refer the matter; or

(*f*) in the case of goods manufactured before the thirty-first day of March, One thousand nine hundred and seven, are either as advantageous to the workers as the standard conditions at the place of manufacture, or are declared by the President of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, or by a Judge of the Supreme Court of the State in which the goods are manufactured, or by the Minister, to be fair and reasonable.

And the said Resolutions were, on the motion of Sir William Lyne, adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir William Lyne and Mr. Deakin do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

8. Customs Tariff [Stripper Harvesters, etc.] Bill (1906).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Sir William Lyne moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Batchelor reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same with amendments.

Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Bill to pass through its remaining stages without delay.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

On the motion of Sir William Lyne, the House adopted the Report.

Sir William Lyne moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

9. Excise Tariff [Stripper Harvesters, etc.] Bill (1906).—Sir William Lyne, pursuant to an Order of the House made this day, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Excise*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Sir William Lyne moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Batchelor reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same without amendment.

On the motion of Sir William Lyne, the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Bill to pass through its remaining stage without delay.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Sir William Lyne moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

10. Paper.—Mr. Ewing presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Defence—

1. Instructions of the Minister for Defence to Captain W. R. Creswell, C.M.G., Director of the Naval Forces, relative to his visit to England to inquire into the latest Naval developments;
2. Report of the Director of the Naval Forces on visit to England, 1906.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

11. Adjournment.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at ten minutes past six o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chanter, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Fuller, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Kingston *, Mr. Knox, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. McLean, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Reid, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. David Thomson, Sir George Turner, and Mr. Wilson.

* On leave.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 62.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SPIRITS BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 16.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Spirits*," to which it has agreed with the amendments indicated in the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 25th September, 1906.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—EXCISE TARIFF [SPIRITS] BILL (1906).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 17.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Excise Tariff* 1902,'" and requests the House to amend the Bill as set forth in the annexed Schedule.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 25th September, 1906.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

4. PAPER.—Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—

Electoral Acts 1902–1905.—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 78.

5. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 70.—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to Notice, That Standing Order No. 70 be suspended for the remainder of the Session.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. CUSTOMS TARIFF (BRITISH PREFERENCE) BILL (1906).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Sir William Lyne moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same with amendments.
Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Bill to pass through its remaining stages without delay.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
On the motion of Sir William Lyne the House adopted the Report.
Sir William Lyne moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

7. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented—

Finance 1905–6—The Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure during the year ended 30th June, 1906, accompanied by the Report of the Auditor-General.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

Sir John Forrest presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Audit Act 1901—Transfers of amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council—Financial year 1905–6 (dated 25th September, 1906).

8. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question— put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except— Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Fuller, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lee, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. McColl, Mr. McWilliams, Sir John Quick, Mr. Skene, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Dugald Thomson, and Mr. Wilks.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH SEPTEMBER, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PUBLIC SERVICE (APPEALS) BILL.—Mr. Hughes, pursuant to leave given on 9th August last, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Commonwealth Public Service Act* 1902'," and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

3. JOINT LIBRARY COMMITTEE—REPORT FROM.—Mr. Speaker, Chairman, presented a Report from the Joint Library Committee.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

4. POSTAL RATES BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Chapman moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Kelly moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.
The House divided—

Ayes, 31.		Noes, 16.	
Mr. Bamford,	Mr. McWilliams,	Mr. Brown,	Mr. Harper,
Sir Langdon Bonython,	Mr. O'Malley,	Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Maloney,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Page,	Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Poynton,	Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Reid,	Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Wilson.
Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. G. B. Edwards,	
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Storrer,	Mr. Ewing,	*Tellers.*
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. David Thomson,	Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Hume Cook,
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,	Mr. Groom,	Mr. Ronald.
Mr. Johnson,	Mr. Tudor,		
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Watkins,		
Mr. Knox,	Mr. Wilkinson,		
Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Willis.		
Mr. McCay,	*Tellers.*		
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Crouch,		
Mr. McLean,	Mr. Hutchison.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

5. Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General.—Assent to Bills.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker:—

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 15.

A Bill intituled "*An Act for the Preservation of Australian Industries and for the Repression of Destructive Monopolies*," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
Melbourne, 24th September, 1906.

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 16.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Audit Act* 1901'," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
Melbourne, 24th September, 1906.

6. Supply.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight—

THURSDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER, 1906.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that a quorum of Members was not present in the Committee; whereupon Mr. Speaker counted the House, and a quorum of Members having been obtained, the House again resolved itself into the Committee.

Mr. Speaker again resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that a quorum of Members was not present in the Committee; whereupon Mr. Speaker counted the House, and a quorum of Members having been obtained, the House ordered that Mr. Watkins do take the Chair of the Committee temporarily, and the House again resolved itself into the Committee.

Mr. Speaker again resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. Papers.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Defence—

Report of Committee of Naval Officers of the Commonwealth assembled at Melbourne, Victoria, to consider the Memorandum of the Committee of Imperial Defence and report as regards the Naval Defence of Australia.

Report of Committee of Officers appointed by the Minister of State for Defence to consider and report upon the General Scheme of Defence for Australia as submitted by the Committee of Imperial Defence—Organization, &c.

Statement of Schemes for Commonwealth Naval Defence.

Statement of Schemes for the Defence of the Commonwealth.

Immigration—

Further correspondence with State Premiers *re* Agents-General acting on behalf of the Commonwealth—(Dated 17th August, 1905, to 28th February, 1906.)

Correspondence with State Premiers in regard to proposals of the Commonwealth Government for the promotion of Immigration—(Dated 2nd May, 1906, to 29th August, 1906.)

Sir William Lyne presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Rabbit Destruction—Dr. Danysz's Experiments—Report on the virus proposed for use. (By Frank Tidswell, Principal Assistant Medical Officer of the Government of New South Wales, and Microbiologist to the Board of Health).

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Public Service Act 1902—Recommendations and approval in connexion with the promotion of Mr. J. G. McLaren, as Clerk-in-Charge, Commonwealth Electoral office, Sydney, and Mr. M. M. Fowles, as clerk, 4th class, Commonwealth Electoral office, Adelaide.

8. Excise Inspectors in Victoria and South Australia.—Mr. Hutchison moved, by leave, That a Return be laid upon the Table showing—

(1) The number of Inspectors of Excise in Victoria, length of service of each officer, and amount of salary for year 1906–7.

(2) The number of Inspectors of Excise in South Australia, length of service of each officer, and amount of salary for year 1906–7.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

9. Postponement of Business.—Ordered—That the remaining business, except Order of the Day No. 9, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

10. Discharge of Order of the Day.—On the motion of Mr. Brown, the following Order of the Day was read and discharged :—

No. 9—Public Service Bill (1906)—Second reading.

Ordered—That the Bill be withdrawn.

11. Adjournment.—Sir John Forrest moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at seven minutes to ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Conroy, Mr. Fuller, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lee, Mr. Lonsdale, Sir John Quick, Mr. Sydney Smith, Sir George Turner, and Mr. Wilks.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. POSTMASTERS RAISED TO GRADE OF THEIR OFFICES.—Mr. Hughes moved, by leave, That a Return be laid upon the Table of the House showing—
   (1) How many postmasters were raised in the reclassification to the grade of their offices.
   (2) The names of such postmasters, if any, and what was the reason for their being so raised.
   (3) How many postmasters who appealed were raised to the grade of their offices.
   (4) What are their names, and on what grounds were the appeals granted.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—TASMANIAN CABLE RATES BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

   MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 18.

   The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Post and Telegraph Rates Act* 1902'," to which it has agreed without amendment.

   R. C. BAKER,
   President.

   The Senate,
   Melbourne, 27th September, 1906.

4. EXCISE TARIFF [SUGAR] AMENDMENT BILL.—Sir William Lyne moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Deakin, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Excise Tariff* 1905.

   Debate ensued.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

   Sir William Lyne then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Excise Tariff* 1905'," and moved, That it be now read a first time.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

   Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

5. POST AND TELEGRAPH BILL (1906).—Mr. Chapman moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Post and Telegraph Act* 1901.

   Debate ensued.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

   Mr. Chapman then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Post and Telegraph Act* 1901'," and moved, That it be now read a first time.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

   Ordered, by leave—That the second reading be taken forthwith.

Mr. Chapman moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, this day, at a later hour, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. Patents Bill (1906).—Sir William Lyne moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Deakin, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Patents Act* 1903.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Sir William Lyne then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Patents Act* 1903'," and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered, by leave—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for this day, at a later hour.

7. Supply.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Mahon reported that the Committee had agreed to certain Resolutions.
On the motion, by leave, of Sir John Forrest, the House ordered the Report to be taken into consideration this day.
Mr. Mahon also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. Supply Resolutions.—The Resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply were read, and are as follow:—

Estimates, 1906–7.

Resolved—That, including the several sums already voted in this present Session of Parliament for such services, there be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1906–7, for the several services hereunder specified, sums not exceeding in each case the following amounts, viz.:—

I.	The Parliament	£30,167
II.	The Department of External Affairs	62,247
III.	The Attorney-General's Department	11,301
IV.	The Department of Home Affairs	243,470
V.	The Department of the Treasury	37,505
	Refunds of Revenue	120,000
	Advance to the Treasurer	200,000
VI.	The Department of Trade and Customs	272,315
VII.	The Department of Defence	639,001
VIII.	The Postmaster-General's Department	2,646,201

And the said Resolutions were, on the motion of Sir John Forrest, adopted by the House.

9. Ways and Means.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Mahon reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain Resolution.
On the motion, by leave, of Sir John Forrest, the House ordered the Report to be taken into consideration this day.
Mr. Mahon also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

10. Ways and Means Resolution.—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Ways and Means was read, and is as follows:—

Estimates, 1906–7.

Resolved—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1906–7, a sum not exceeding Three million fifty-four thousand seven hundred and eighty pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

And the said Resolution was, on the motion of Sir John Forrest, adopted by the House.
Ordered—That Sir John Forrest and Mr. Deakin do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

11. Appropriation Bill 1906–7.—Sir John Forrest then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and seven and to appropriate the supplies granted for such year in this Session of the Parliament*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered, by leave—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for this day.
Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Mahon reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.
On the motion of Sir John Forrest, the House adopted the Report, and ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the third reading to be moved this day.
Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

12. Papers.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Lands Acquisition Bill.—Observations by the Attorney-General for the Commonwealth upon a Memorandum by the Attorney-General for New South Wales, and correspondence with the Premier of New South Wales.
International Postal Congress, Rome, April—May, 1906.—Report by the Postmaster-General, the Honorable Austin Chapman.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Public Service Act 1902—

Regulations amended—
No. 104.—Statutory Rules, 1906, No. 77.
No. 163A.—Statutory Rules, 1906, No. 80.

Regulations repealed—

Nos. 17, 18, 21 (and new regulation, No. 21, substituted), and 90.

13. Public Service [Telegraph Messengers] Bill.—Mr. Groom moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the employment of Telegraph Messengers in the Public Service.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Groom then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to the employment of Telegraph Messengers in the Public Service*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

14. Electoral [Advertisements] Bill.—Mr. Groom moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the Law relating to Parliamentary Elections.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Groom then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the Law relating to Parliamentary Elections*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

15. Adjournment.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-six minutes past six o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Conroy, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Fuller, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Harper, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lee, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. McColl, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Skene, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Spence, Sir George Turner, Mr. Webster, Mr. Wilks, Mr. Willis, and Mr. Wilson.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 2ND OCTOBER, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 17.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Post and Telegraph Rates Act* 1902,'" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
Melbourne, 28th September, 1906.

3. PETITION.—Mr. McWilliams presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the city of Hobart, under its common seal, praying that the House will see fit to make such amendments in the Lands Acquisition Bill as will protect the interests of municipal councils.
Petition received and read.

4. PAPERS.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Ocean Shipping Service—Report of Royal Commission, together with Proceedings, Minutes of Evidence, and Appendices.

Northern Territory—Further correspondence between the Prime Minister and the Premier of South Australia relative to the transfer of the Northern Territory to the Commonwealth.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

The following Paper was laid on the Table by the Clerk :—

Excise Inspectors in Victoria and South Australia—Return to an Order of the House, dated 27th September, 1906.

5. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. LANDS ACQUISITION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same with amendments.
Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Bill to pass through its remaining stages without delay.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
On the motion of Mr. Groom, the House adopted the Report.
Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

7. SPIRITS BILL—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the amendments made by the Senate in this Bill, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had dealt with the Senate's Amendments in the Bill.

Ordered—That the consideration of the Report be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (STATE DEBTS) BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 19.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to alter the Provisions of the Constitution relating to the Public Debts of the States*," to which it has agreed with the amendments indicated in the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 2nd October, 1906.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for Thursday next.

9. ALTERATION OF TIME OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House at its rising adjourn until half-past two o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bamford, Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Conroy, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Fuller, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lee, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. McCay, Mr. McColl, Mr. Page, Mr. Poynton, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Spence, Mr. Storrer, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Dugald Thomson, and Mr. Webster.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD OCTOBER, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—REFERENDUM (CONSTITUTION ALTERATION) BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 20.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to the submission to the Electors of proposed Laws for the alteration of the Constitution*," to which it has agreed with the amendments indicated in the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 3rd October, 1906.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith.

And the said amendments were read, and are as follow :—

SCHEDULE OF AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

No. 1.—Page 2, clause 4, after paragraph (*a*) insert new paragraph—

"(*aa*) the postal vote certificate shall be in the form A1 in the Schedule to this Act; and"

No. 2.—Page 3, clause 7, line 9, after "shall" insert "immediately after the issue of the same".

No. 3.—Page 3, clause 9, line 21, after "two" insert "or more".

No. 4.—Page 4, clause 13, line 1, omit "the" insert "any".

No. 5.—Page 4, after clause 14 insert new clause—

"14A. (1) Where the polling for one or more referendums is appointed to take place on the same day as the polling for an election for the Senate or a general election for the House of Representatives, an application for a postal vote certificate for the purposes of the election shall be deemed to contain an application for a postal vote certificate and a postal ballot-paper for the purposes of the referendums." Postal vote certificates for referendum.

No. 6.—Page 5, clause 21, line 30, after "the" insert "copy of the".

No. 7.—Page 8, The Schedule, after Form A insert new Form—

"FORM A1.

The *Referendum* (*Constitution Alteration*) *Act* 1906.

Postal Vote Certificate.

Electoral Division of (*here insert name of Division*).

I hereby certify that of is entitled to vote at the referendum to be held on the day of 19 .

Dated this day of 19 .

Returning Officer."

On the motion of Mr. Deakin, the House agreed to the amendments.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—ELECTORAL VALIDATING BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 21.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to validate the Electoral Divisions of the State of New South Wales*," to which it has agreed without amendment.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 3rd October, 1906.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1, be postponed until a later hour this day.

5. EXCISE TARIFF [SPIRITS] BILL (1906).—SENATE'S REQUESTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Requests made by the Senate in regard to this Bill—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had dealt with the Amendments requested by the Senate, as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF REQUESTS BY THE SENATE TO WHICH THE COMMITTEE HAS AGREED.

No. 1.—page 1, clause 2, leave out proviso, insert—

"Provided that all spirits distilled in Australia, and not having been matured by storage in wood for a period of two years, may, until the thirty-first day of December, One thousand nine hundred and seven, inclusive, be delivered at the respective rates of duty specified in the Excise Tariff 1902."

No. 3.—Page 2, The Schedule, leave out item (3), viz. :—

"(3) Blended spirits, distilled partly from grape wine and partly from grain, and containing not less than 25 per cent. of pure grape wine spirit (which has been separately distilled by a pot still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 40 per cent. over proof), the whole being matured by storage in wood for a period not less than two years, and certified by an officer to be spirits so blended and matured—per proof gallon, 12s."

No. 7.—Page 2, The Schedule, item (7), leave out "matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than two years".

No. 8.—Page 2, The Schedule, item (11), after "wine" insert "or for making vinegar".

No. 9.—Page 2, The Schedule, add new item—

(12) "Spirits for the manufacture, from Australian products exclusively, of scents and toilet preparations, subject to Regulations, per gallon 10s."

SCHEDULE OF A REQUEST BY THE SENATE TO WHICH THE COMMITTEE HAS AGREED, WITH MODIFICATIONS.

Request of Senate—

No. 2.—Page 1, clause 2, at end of clause add—

"Provided further that if the distillers—

(*a*) do not, after the expiration of one year from the passing of this Act, pay their employés a fair and reasonable rate of wages per week of forty-eight hours; or

(*b*) employ more than a due proportion of boys to men engaged in the industry,

the Governor-General may in pursuance of a joint address by the Senate and House of Representatives impose an additional excise duty of one shilling per gallon on each of the items mentioned in the Schedule."

Modification of Request as agreed to by the Committee—

No. 2.—Page 1, clause 2, at end of clause add—

"Provided further that if any distiller—

(*a*) does not, after the expiration of one year from the passing of this Act, pay his employés a fair and reasonable rate of wages per week of forty-eight hours; or

(*b*) employs more than a due proportion of boys to men engaged in the industry,

the Governor-General may in pursuance of a joint address by the Senate and House of Representatives impose an additional excise duty of one shilling per gallon on each of the items mentioned in the Schedule as regards such distiller."

SCHEDULE OF REQUESTS BY THE SENATE TO WHICH THE COMMITTEE HAS DISAGREED.

No. 4.—Page 2, The Schedule, item (4), leave out "45," insert "35".

No. 5.—Page 2, The Schedule, item (5), leave out "45," insert "35".

No. 6.—Page 2, The Schedule, item (5), leave out "11s.," insert "12s."

On the motion of Mr. Deakin, the House adopted the Report.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Senate amended accordingly.

6. SPIRITS BILL—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole House on the Amendments made by the Senate in this Bill—

The Report was read as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE TO WHICH THE COMMITTEE HAS AGREED.

No. 1.—Page 1, clause 3, line 10, after "food" insert "or drink".

No. 2.—Page 2, clause 3, line 20, before "Australian" insert "Pure".

No. 3.—Page 2, clause 3, line 32, leave out "Wine".

No. 7.—Page 4, clause 7, line 8, before "Australian" (*first occurring*) insert "Pure".

No. 8.—Page 4, clause 7, line 9, leave out "Wine".

No. 9.—Page 4, clause 7, line 13, before "Australian" (*first occurring*) insert "Pure".

No. 10.—Page 4, clause 7, line 13, leave out "Wine".

No. 11.—Page 4, clause 9, line 40, before "Australian" insert "Pure".

No. 12.—Page 4, clause 9, line 41, leave out "Wine".

No. 13.—Page 4, clause 9, line 44, before "Australian" insert "Pure".

No. 14.—Page 4, clause 9, line 45, leave out "Wine".

No. 15.—Page 4, after clause 9 insert the following new clause :—

"9A. No spirit described as brandy shall after the first day of March One thousand nine hundred and seven be delivered for human consumption until the Collector is satisfied by the production of an official certificate given in the country of origin that the spirit is distilled wholly from grape wine." Brandy delivered for human consumption to be distilled from grape wine.

No. 17.—Page 5, clause 10, line 2, after "Spirits" insert "(other than gin, Geneva, Hollands, schnapps, or liqueurs)".

No. 18.—Page 5, clause 10, lines 6–8, leave out "Provided that this section shall not until the first day of January One thousand nine hundred and eight apply to gin, Geneva, Hollands, schnapps, or liqueurs."

No. 19.—Page 5, clause 11, line 9, after "spirits" insert "(other than gin, Geneva, Hollands, schnapps, or liqueurs)".

No. 20.—Page 5, clause 11, at end of clause add "Provided further that this section shall not apply to spirit for fortifying Australian wine."

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT OF THE SENATE TO WHICH THE COMMITTEE HAS AGREED IN PART, AND WITH A CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENT.

No. 16.—Page 5, clause 10, line 1, leave out "twenty-eighth day of February," insert "thirtieth day of June".

Omission of words agreed to, but insertion of words "thirtieth day of June" disagreed to, and words "first day of January One thousand nine hundred and eight" proposed in place thereof; and, as a consequential amendment, the words "One thousand nine hundred and seven," in page 5, lines 1 and 2, of the Bill, omitted.

SCHEDULE OF AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE TO WHICH THE COMMITTEE HAS DISAGREED.

No. 4.—Page 3, clause 3, line 5, leave out "forty-five," insert "thirty-five".

No. 5.—Page 3, clause 3, lines 20 and 21, leave out "forty-five," insert "thirty-five".

No. 6.—Page 4, clause 6, leave out paragraphs (*b*) and (*c*).

On the motion of Mr. Deakin, the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Deakin moved, That Mr. Ewing, Mr. Groom, and the Mover be appointed a Committee to draw up Reasons for the House of Representatives disagreeing to Amendments Nos. 4, 5, and 6.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Deakin, on behalf of the Committee, brought up such Reasons, which were read and are as follow :—

Reasons of the House of Representatives for Disagreeing to certain Amendments of the Senate.

As to Amendment No. 4.—That the alteration made by the Senate would be undesirable from the trade point of view.

As to Amendment No. 5.—That the alteration made by the Senate would be undesirable from the trade point of view.

As to Amendment No. 6.—That the alteration made by the Senate would be a detriment to the export trade, and would place the Australian wine-maker at a disadvantage as compared with the importer.

Mr. Deakin moved, That the Committee's Reasons be adopted.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. Excise Tariff [Sugar] Amendment Bill.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill, Mr. Deakin moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same without amendment.
On the motion of Mr. Deakin, the House adopted the Report.
Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Bill to pass through its remaining stage without delay.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Deakin moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

8. Pacific Island Labourers Bill (1906).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Deakin moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same without amendment.
On the motion of Mr. Deakin, the House adopted the Report.
Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Bill to pass through its remaining stage without delay.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Deakin moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

9. Post and Telegraph Bill (1906).—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Mauger reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same with an amendment.
Ordered—That the consideration of the Report be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

10. Alteration of Time of Next Meeting.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House at its rising adjourn until half-past two o'clock to-morrow afternoon.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

11. Adjournment.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at seven minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bamford, Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Conroy, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Fuller, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lee, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. McCay, Mr. McColl, Mr. Page, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Poynton, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Spence, Mr. Storrer, Mr. Thomas, Sir George Turner, and Mr. Webster.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 4TH OCTOBER, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (STATE DEBTS) BILL—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the amendments made by the Senate in this Bill—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had dealt with the Senate's amendments in the Bill.
   Ordered—That the consideration of the Report be made an Order of the Day for this day, at a later hour.

3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business Nos. 2 and 3, be postponed until this day, at a later hour.

4. PATENTS BILL (1906).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Isaacs moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
   Debate ensued.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
   Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same with amendments.
   Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Bill to pass through its remaining stages without delay.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
   On the motion of Mr. Isaacs the House adopted the Report.
   Mr. Isaacs moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

5. PUBLIC SERVICE [TELEGRAPH MESSENGERS] BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
   Debate ensued.
   Mr. Deakin moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
   Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
   Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for this day, at a later hour.

6. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (STATE DEBTS) BILL—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole House on the Amendments made by the Senate in this Bill—

   The Report was read as follows:—

   SCHEDULE OF AN AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE TO WHICH THE COMMITTEE HAS AGREED WITH AMENDMENTS.

   Amendment No. 1.—

   No. 1.—After clause 1, insert new clause—

   "1A. The Constitution is altered by the addition of the following section:— Alteration of Constitution.

   'The powers of the Parliament relating to the public debts of the States shall extend to debts incurred since the establishment of the Commonwealth.'"

   Agreed to with the following amendments:—

   Omit "since", insert "at any time after"; at end of clause add "and to any part of the public debts of the States".

SCHEDULE OF AN AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE TO WHICH THE COMMITTEE HAS AGREED.

Amendment No. 2.—Leave out clause 2.

Mr. Deakin moved, That the Report be now adopted.
Debate ensued.
Question—put.
And no Members voting with the Noes, and the following Members voting with the Ayes :—

Ayes, 39.

Mr. Brown,	Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Knox,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Carpenter,	Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Liddell,	Mr. Skene,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Mr. Hume Cook,	Mr. Glynn,	Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Tudor,
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Groom,	Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Harper,	Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Higgins,	Mr. McLean,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. McWilliams,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Mr. Johnson,	Mr. O'Malley,	Mr. Wilson.
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Ronald,	

—the question, That the Report be now adopted—was resolved in the affirmative by an absolute majority of the House.

7. PAPER.—The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

Postmasters raised to grade of their offices.—Part return to an Order of the House, dated 28th September, 1906.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question— put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirteen minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except— Mr. Bamford, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Conroy, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Fuller, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lee, Mr. Lonsdale, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McCay, Mr. McColl, Mr. Page, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Poynton, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Spence, Mr. Storrer, Mr. Thomas, Mr. David Thomson, and Mr. Webster.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 5TH OCTOBER, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain Resolution.

   Mr. Deakin moved, by leave, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Report to be adopted and a Bill to be passed through all its stages without delay.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

   Mr. McDonald also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

   Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

3. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION—SOUTH AFRICAN PREFERENCE.—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Ways and Means was read, and is as follows :—

   Resolved—That, from the first day of October, 1906, at Nine o'clock in the forenoon, Victorian time, Duties of Customs on the dutiable goods specified in the Schedule shall, when those goods are imported from, and are the produce or manufacture of any of the British South African Colonies or Protectorates which are included within the South African Customs Union, be in accordance with the rates specified in the fourth column of the said Schedule :

   Provided that nothing in this Resolution shall have the effect of imposing any duty on any goods which are free of, or exempt from, duty under the Customs Tariff 1902.

THE SCHEDULE.

"N.E.I." means not elsewhere included in this Schedule or the Customs Tariff 1902.

"Proof" has reference to spirit of a strength equal to that of pure ethyl alcohol compounded with distilled water so that the resultant mixture at a temperature of 60° Fahrenheit, has a specific gravity of 0·9198 as compared with that of distilled water at the same temperature.

IMPORT DUTIES on goods produced or manufactured in the Colonies or Protectorates comprising the South African Customs Union.

1st Column. No. of item in the Customs Tariff 1902.	2nd Column. Dutiable Goods.	3rd Column. Rates of Duty under the Customs Tariff 1902.	4th Column. Rates of Duty under this Schedule.
—	Angora Hair	Free	Free
Div. XI. (*e*)	Diamonds unset	Free	Free
14	Butter and Cheese ... ... per lb.	3d.	Rates imposed by the Customs Tariff 1902 less 25 per cent.
18	Confectionery, n.e.i., including bon-bons and mixed packets of confectionery containing trinkets (gross weight), sugar candy, cachous, and fruits crystallized or candied ... ... per lb.	2d.	
23(D)	Fodder ... ... per cental	2s. 6d.	
24	Hay and Chaff ... ... per cwt.	1s.	
	Grain—		
22	Oats ... ... per cental	1s. 6d.	
22	Wheat ... ... per cental	1s. 6d.	
23(C)	Bran ... ... per cental	1s.	
23(D)	Flour ... ... per cental	2s. 6d.	
25	Jams, and Jellies ... ... per lb.	1½d.	
121	Leather, n.e.i., including Green-hide for belting purposes *ad val.*	15 per cent.	
	Machinery—		
78(A)	(A) Agricultural, Horticultural, and Viticultural Machinery and Implements, n.e.i., including Shares and Plough Plates cut to shape, Horse Gears; and Road-making Ploughs, Scoops, Horse Road Rollers, and Machines ... ... *ad val.*	12½ per cent.	
78(P)	(P) Mining Machinery n.e.i. ... ... *ad val.*	12½ per cent.	
36	Meats, Fish, Poultry, and Game:—		
36(A)	(A) Fresh, Smoked, or Preserved by cold process ... per lb.	1d.	
36(B)	(B) Potted or Concentrated, including Extracts of, and Caviare ... ... *ad val.*	20 per cent.	
36(C)	(C) Preserved in tins or other air-tight vessels, including the weight of contents ... ... per lb.	1½d.	
36(E)	(E) Preserved Fish in tins or other air-tight vessels, including the weight of liquids ... ... per lb.	1d.	
36(F)	(F) N.E.I. ... ... per cwt.	5s.	
37	Milk—Preserved ... ... per lb.	1d.	
	Timber, viz.:—		
110(A)	(A) Architraves, Mouldings, and Skirtings of any material per 100 lineal feet	5s.	
110(B)	(B) Timber, Dressed, n.e.i. ... ... per 100 super. feet	3s.	
110(C)	(C) Timber, Undressed, n.e.i., in sizes of 12 in. x 6 in. (or its equivalent) and over ... ... per 100 super. feet	1s.	
110(D)	(D) Timber, undressed, being Oregon, in sizes of 12 in. x 6 in. (or its equivalent) and over ... ... per 100 super. feet	6d.	
110(E)	(E) Timber, undressed, n.e.i., in sizes of 7 in. x 2½ in. (or its equivalent) and upwards, and less than 12 in. x 6 in. (or its equivalent) ... ... per 100 super. feet	1s. 6d.	
110(F)	(F) Timber, undressed, n.e.i., of sizes less than 7 in. x 2½ in. (or its equivalent) ... ... per 100 super. feet	1s. 6d.	
110(G)	(G) Laths ... ... per 1,000	5s.	
110(H)	(H) Palings ... ... per 1,000	15s.	
110(I)	(I) Pickets, dressed ... ... per 100	4s.	
110(J)	(J) Pickets, undressed ... ... per 100	1s.	
110(K)	(K) Shingles ... ... per 1,000	3s.	
	Doors of Wood—		
110(L)	(L) 1¾ in. and over ... ... each	7s. 6d.	
110(M)	(M) Over 1½ in. and under 1¾ in. ... ... each	5s.	
110(N)	(N) 1½ in. and under ... ... each	3s. 6d.	
36(F)	Fish, Dried ... ... per cwt.	5s.	2s. 8d.
21	Fruits and Vegetables, viz:—		
	Fruits, Dried, viz:—		
21(A)	(A) Currants ... ... per lb.	2d.	1d.
21(B)	(B) Dates .. .. per lb.	1d.	½d.
21(C)	(C) Raisins and other, including Peel and Ginger preserved (not in liquid) ... ... per lb.	3d.	1½d.
21(I)	(I) Fruits, n.e.i. ... ... per cental	2s.	Free
21(K)	(K) Bananas ... ... per cental	1s.	Free

THE SCHEDULE—*continued.*

1st Column. No. of Item in the Customs Tariff 1902.	2nd Column. Dutiable Goods.	3rd Column. Rates of Duty under the Customs Tariff 1902.	4th Column. Rates of Duty under this Schedule.
58(B)	Feathers—Dressed ... ... *ad val.*	25 per cent.	20 per cent.
70	Feathers—Undressed ... ... *ad val.*	15 per cent.	10 per cent.
22	Grain—Maize ... ... per cental	1s. 6d.	1s.
2A	Spirits, viz. :—		
	(A) Spirits,* and spirituous compounds, n.e.i., when not exceeding the strength of proof... ... per gallon	14s.	Rates equal to rates of Excise duty for the time being in force increased by 2½ per cent.
2B	(B) When exceeding the strength of proof ... per proof gallon	14s.	
	Tobacco, viz.:—		
5A	(A) Manufactured, including the weight of tags, labels, and other attachments ... ... per lb.	3s. 3d.	2s. 6d.
5B	(B) Unmanufactured ... ... per lb.	3s. 3d.	2s 6d.
7	Sugar, viz.:—		
	(A) The produce of sugar-cane ... ... per cwt.	6s.	
	Produced solely by white labour ... ... per cwt.	...	4s.
	Produced wholly or partly by black labour ... per cwt.	...	5s.
3	Wine, Fermented (other than Sparkling) including Medicinal or Medicated and Vermouth, viz.:—		
3(B)	(B) In bottle ... ... per gallon†	8s.	3s.
3(C)	(C) Other ... ... per gallon	6s.	2s.
3(D)	(D) Containing more than 35 per cent. of proof spirit, for each 1 per cent. of proof spirit over 35 per cent. up to and including 40 per cent. additional ... per gallon	6d.	3d.
3(E)	(E) Containing more than 40 per cent. of proof spirit per gallon	14s.	10s. 3d.

* Case spirits, in cases of two gallons and under, to be charged as two gallons; over two gallons, and not exceeding three gallons, as three gallons; over three gallons, and not exceeding four gallons, as four gallons; and so on.

† Six reputed quarts, twelve reputed pints, or twenty-four reputed half-pints to be charged as one gallon.

And the said Resolution was, on the motion of Mr. Deakin, adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Deakin and Sir John Forrest do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

4. CUSTOMS TARIFF (SOUTH AFRICAN PREFERENCE) BILL.—Mr. Deakin then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Preferential Duties of Customs on certain Goods the produce or manufacture of the British Colonies or Protectorates in South Africa which are included within the South African Customs Union,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Deakin moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.

On the motion of Mr. Deakin, the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Deakin moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—EXCISE TARIFF [STRIPPER HARVESTERS, ETC.] BILL (1906).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 22.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Duties of Excise,*" and requests the House to amend the Bill as set forth in the annexed Schedule.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 5th October, 1906.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith in Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had agreed to the amendments requested by the Senate, which are as follow:—

No. 1.—Page 2, clause 2, leave out paragraph (*d*), viz.:—

"(*d*) are in accordance with terms which in the opinion of the Minister are fair and reasonable; or"

No. 2.—Page 2, clause 2, leave out paragraph (*f*), viz.:—

"(*f*) in the case of goods manufactured before the thirty-first day of March, One thousand nine hundred and seven, are either as advantageous to the workers as the standard conditions at the place of manufacture, or are declared by the President of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, or by a Judge of the Supreme Court of the State in which the goods are manufactured, or by the Minister, to be fair and reasonable."

On the motion of Mr. Deakin, the House adopted the Report.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Senate, amended accordingly.

6. Public Service [Telegraph Messengers] Bill.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.

On the motion of Mr. Groom, the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to contingent notice given by Mr. Deakin, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Bill to pass through its remaining stage without delay.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

7. Electoral [Advertisements] Bill.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.

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Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

8. Alternative Date of Next Meeting.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next, unless Mr. Speaker shall, prior to that date, by telegram addressed to each Member of the House, postpone the meeting to a later day, named in the telegram.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

9. Adjournment.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at nineteen minutes past three o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m., unless, under the resolution passed this day, Mr. Speaker fixes a later day of meeting.

Members Present.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bamford, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Conroy, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Fuller, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lee, Mr. Lonsdale, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McCay, Mr. McColl, Mr. Page, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Poynton, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Storrer, Mr. Thomas, Mr. David Thomson, Sir George Turner, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Wilkinson.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
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AND OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES :

ne name of His Majesty for the supplies which you have granted.

iation and Arbitration Bill which you have passed represents protracted legislative
has revealed strong differences of opinion upon one or two important matters. I trust
the Court now to be established will secure, upon a basis just to all the great interests concerned, the peaceful settlement of any industrial disputes that may unhappily arise, and extend beyond the limits of a State.

The Bill passed this Session for the selection of a Capital Site in New South Wales is now being considered by the Parliament of that State. I feel sure that the matters not yet settled will be dealt with in a conciliatory spirit on both sides.

The position of shippers of Australian produce has made it necessary to pass as an urgent measure a Bill restraining ship-owners from contracting themselves out of their lawful obligations to take due care of goods in transit between the different States or to other countries.

The amendment of the law relating to Defence, of which you have approved, enables My Advisers to place this important Department upon a basis which should secure more thorough consideration of the problems of Military and Naval Defence, and more satisfactory methods of inspection and administration.

A Royal Commission to inquire into the working of the Customs Tariff, and its effect upon Australian industries, has been appointed. We may confidently hope that the labours of this Commission will be of value to Parliament and the Commonwealth.

I now declare this Parliament prorogued until Saturday, the twenty-first day of January next.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Batchelor, Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Culpin, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Sir John Forrest, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Groom, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Liddell, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Mauger, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Page, Sir John Quick, Mr. Ronald, Mr. Storrer, Sir George Turner, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Wilkinson, and Mr. Willis.

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1. The House met pursuant to

2. Lapsed Bills—Proposed Standing
permanent Standing Orders are adopted,
House :—

Lapsed Bills.

214A. If in any session the proceedings on any Bill shall have
by the prorogation of Parliament, the House may, in the next succeeding
resolution, order such proceedings to be resumed at the stage to which the Bill ha
in the previous session, provided a periodical election for the House has not taken pla
such two sessions.

214B. Any such Bill may be sent to the Senate as if it had been introduced and passed by the House in the second session. Bill may be again sent to Senate.

Debate ensued.

Mr. O'Malley moved, as an amendment, That the words "or motion" be inserted after the wor
"Bill," in line 1, of proposed Standing Order 214A.

Debate continued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Original motion put and resolved in the affirmative.

3. Papua (British New Guinea) Bill—Senate's Amendments.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the amendments made by the Senate in this Bill—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. Paper.—Mr. Reid presented by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Silver Coinage.—Copies of Communications that have passed between the Commonwealth and Imperial Governments on the question of the Coinage of Silver for the Commonwealth.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

5. Message from His Excellency the Governor-General.—A Message was delivered by the Usher of the Senate—

Mr. Speaker,

The Governor-General desires this Honorable House to attend His Excellency immediately in the Senate Chamber.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with Members of the House, went to attend the Governor-General, when His Excellency was pleased to notify the Royal Assent to the following Bills, viz. :—

"*An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and five and to appropriate the supplies granted for such year in this session of the Parliament.*"

"*An Act relating to Conciliation and Arbitration for the Prevention and Settlement of Industrial Disputes exte beyond the Limits of any one State.*"

"*An Act rela Sea-Carriage of Goods.*"

1909.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 1.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRD PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH MAY, 1909.

1. The House of Representatives met pursuant to Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor-General, bearing date the seventh day of April, 1909, which Proclamation was read at the Table by the Clerk, as follows :—

PROCLAMATION

Commonwealth of Australia to wit. DUDLEY, Governor-General.

BY His Excellency the Right Honorable WILLIAM HUMBLE, Earl of Dudley, a Member of His Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth of Australia.

WHEREAS by the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act it is amongst other things enacted that the Governor-General may appoint such times for holding the Sessions of the Parliament as he thinks fit, and also from time to time, by Proclamation or otherwise, prorogue the Parliament: AND WHEREAS on the fifth day of March, One thousand nine hundred and nine, the Parliament was prorogued until the fourteenth day of April, One thousand nine hundred and nine, and it is expedient to further prorogue the said Parliament: Now therefore I, William Humble, Earl of Dudley, the Governor-General aforesaid, in exercise of the power conferred by the said Act, do by this my Proclamation further prorogue the said Parliament until Wednesday, the twenty-sixth day of May, One thousand nine hundred and nine, and I do appoint the said Wednesday, the twenty-sixth day of May, One thousand nine hundred and nine, as the day for the said Parliament to assemble and be holden for the despatch of business. And all Members of the Senate and of the House of Representatives respectively are hereby required to give their attendance accordingly, in the building known as the Houses of Parliament, situate in Spring-street, in the City of Melbourne, at half-past Two in the afternoon, on the said Wednesday, the twenty-sixth day of May, One thousand nine hundred and nine.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth of Australia aforesaid, this seventh day of April, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and nine, and in the ninth year of His Majesty's reign.

By His Excellency's Command,
HUGH MAHON.

(L.S.)

GOD SAVE THE KING!

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2. Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read Prayers.

3. Message from His Excellency the Governor-General by the Usher of the Senate.—The following Message was delivered by the Usher of the Senate :—

Mr. Speaker,

His Excellency the Governor-General desires the attendance of this honorable House in the Senate Chamber forthwith.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker with the Members of the House went to attend His Excellency :—And having returned—

4. Land Tax Assessment Bill.—Mr. Fisher moved, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the Imposition, Assessment, and Collection of a Progressive Land Tax upon Unimproved Values.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Fisher then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to the Imposition, Assessment, and Collection of a Progressive Land Tax upon Unimproved Values,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

5. Papers.—

Mr. Fisher presented, pursuant to Statute—

Audit Acts—

London Account Regulations—Statutory Rules 1908, No. 131.

Treasury Regulations Amended—Clause 96 (*f*) (Provisional).—Statutory Rules 1908, No. 134.

Transfers of Amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council—Financial Year 1908–9—

Dated 19th December, 1908.
Dated 8th January, 1909.
Dated 9th February, 1909.
Dated 5th March, 1909.
Dated 1st April, 1909.
Dated 23rd April, 1909.

Mr. Batchelor presented, pursuant to Statute—

Contract Immigrants Act—Return for 1908 respecting Contract Immigrants admitted or refused admission into the Commonwealth, &c.

Immigration Restriction Acts—

Return showing, for 1908—

(*a*) Persons refused admission to the Commonwealth.
(*b*) Persons who passed the dictation test.
(*c*) Persons admitted without being asked to pass the dictation test.
(*d*) Departures of coloured persons from the Commonwealth.

Naturalization Act—Return of number of persons to whom certificates of naturalization were granted during 1908.

Papua—

Ordinances of 1908—

No. 12.—Supplementary Appropriation 1908–9, No. 3.
No. 13.—Marine Board.
No. 14.—Pearl and Bêche-de-mer.
No. 15.—Wild Birds.
No. 16.—Timber.
No. 17.—Supplementary Appropriation 1907–8.
No. 18.—Supplementary Appropriation 1908–9, No. 4.

Ordinances of 1909—

No. 1.—Supplementary Appropriation 1908–9, No. 5.
No. 2.—Supplementary Appropriation 1908–9, No. 6.
Sago.
Land.

Mr. Mahon presented, pursuant to Statute—

Meteorology Act—Provisional Regulations *re* Sale of Publications—Statutory Rules 1909 No. 5.

Lands Acquisition Act—

Land acquired under at—

Coff's Harbor, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.
Enoggera, Queensland—For Defence purposes.
Kyamba, New South Wales—For Commonwealth purposes.
Newcastle, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.
Singleton, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.
Wentworth Falls, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.
Yass, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.

Land at Shark's Bay, Western Australia, leased to State Government.

Public Service Act—

List of Permanent Officers of the Commonwealth Public Service, 1st January, 1909.

Recommendations in cases of Appointments, in the Department of Home Affairs, of—

J. H. R. King, as Inspector of Rifle Ranges, T. Oxenham and R. S. Orr, as Clerks of Works—Public Works Branch.
D. W. Crawford, Draughtsman, Public Works Branch.
G. Lightfoot, Computer, Statistician's Office.

Regulations Amended (Provisional)—

Nos. 138, 262, 145, 146—Statutory Rules 1908, No. 125.
No. 41—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 6.
Nos. 156, 257-61—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 44.
Nos. 209, 213—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 45.

Regulations Amended—

Nos. 138, 262, 145, 146—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 26.
No. 41—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 50.

Mr. Tudor presented, pursuant to Statute—

Bounties Act—Regulations Nos. 20-28 Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 49.
Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulation 6 (2) (*a*) Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1908, No. 127.

Customs Act—

Regulation No. 130 Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1908, No. 126.
Regulation No. 101 Amended—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 14.

Excise Act—Sugar Regulation No. 21 Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 27.

Manufactures Encouragement Act—Iron Bounty—

Provisional Regulations—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 15.
Provisional Regulation, No. 15.—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 48.

Patents Acts—

Provisional Regulations—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 2.
Provisional Regulations Amended, Nos. 1, 32, &c.—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 19.

Public Service Act—

Recommendations in cases of Appointments, in the Department of Trade and Customs, of—

A. S. Higgs, as Assistant Examiner, Patents Branch.
P. C. Barnes, H. C. O. Willgerodt, C. E. McKenzie, B. T. Paton, H. R. Jupp, Analyst's Branch.

Sugar Bounty Act—Regulation No. 12A (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 43.

Mr. Thomas presented, pursuant to Statute—

Public Service Act—Postmaster-General's Department—Recommendations in cases of—

Appointment of—

Durant, J. H., to Electrical Engineer's Branch, Victoria.

Promotion of—

Brent, T. G., as Senior Inspector, 1st Class, Melbourne.
Huffer, H. J., as Senior Inspector, 1st Class, Melbourne.
Howe, P., as Senior Clerk, 2nd Class, Central Staff.
Kayser, J. A. S., as Clerk, 3rd Class, Central Staff.
Vardon, J. C. T., as Chief Clerk, Central Staff.
Williams, F. C., as Accountant, 2nd Class, Brisbane.
Woodland, C., as Inspector, 3rd Class, Queensland.

Post and Telegraph Act—

Regulations Amended, &c.—

Postal—Packets; Parcels Post—as to Posting; Telephone—Nos. 55, 58—Statutory Rules 1908, No. 117.

Telegraphic—Shipping Intelligence; General Postal—No. 17; Parcels Post—Redirection; Telephone—No. 28—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 24.

Telephone—

No. 80—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 37.
No. 23—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 38.

Postal—Registration; General Postal—Miscellaneous—Statutory Rules, 1909, No. 42.

Mr. Hutchison presented, pursuant to Statute—

Defence Acts—

Provisional Regulations—

Landing of Sailors and Soldiers from Foreign Men-of-War, &c.—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 31.

Military Cadet Corps—Regulations Amended, Nos. R. 1–R. 14—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 34.

Military Forces—

Regulations Amended—

Nos. 516, 526—Statutory Rules 1908, No. 128.
No. 11—Statutory Rules 1908, No. 129.
Nos. 6, 57, 165, 609–614—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 7.
No. 185—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 8.
Nos. 564, 567, 569, 575—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 9.
No. 33—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 16.
No. 141—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 17.
Nos. 2, 3, 4—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 22.
No. 68—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 23.
Nos. 179, 180, 191—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 25.
No. 110A—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 40.
Substitution of "Chief of the General Staff" and "Quartermaster-General"—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 4.

Regulation 110A Added, and Financial and Allowance Regulation No. 98 Amended—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 35.

Financial and Allowance Regulations Amended—

No. 143—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 10.
No. 143—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 12.
No. 64—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 33.
Substitution of "Chief of the General Staff"—Statutory Rules 1909 No. 3.

Naval Cadet Corps—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 28.

Naval Forces—

Regulations Amended—

Nos. 55, 64—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 13.
No. 148—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 46.

Financial and Allowance Regulations Amended—

No. 51—Statutory Rules 1908, No. 130.
No. 49—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 39.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

Papuan Lands Privately Held—Return to an Order of the House, dated 11th December, 1908

6. His Excellency the Governor-General's Speech.—Mr. Speaker reported that the House had this day attended His Excellency the Governor-General in the Senate Chamber, when His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of the Parliament, of which Mr. Speaker said he had, for greater accuracy, obtained a copy, which read as follows :—

Gentlemen of the Senate and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

1. I have called you together after a recess of somewhat shorter duration than usual to resume your legislative duties, in order to facilitate the passage of the many important and urgent measures which will be submitted for your consideration.

2. As it seemed desirable, both to myself and to My Advisers, that I should, especially during the early part of my term of office, have an opportunity of acquiring as much knowledge as possible of each State of the Commonwealth, arrangements were made, with the generous co-operation of the South Australian Government, which enabled Lady Dudley and myself to reside for two months in that State. Facilities have been afforded me of paying a similar visit to Queensland in the near future, and I hope that opportunities may arise which will enable me to reside for a time in Tasmania and Western Australia also.

3. The news of an earthquake in Calabria and Sicily, which caused an appalling loss of human life, injury, and distress, awakened the sympathies of the human race throughout the world. My Advisers expressed to the Government and people of Italy the profound sympathy of the Government and people of the Commonwealth with them in their distress, and also sent a contribution to the Fund for the relief of the sufferers. Both were gratefully acknowledged by the Italian Government.

4. The revenue received from duties of Customs and Excise has been less during the year than was anticipated when the Budget was delivered on 14th October last. The estimated revenue from Post and Telegraphs is not likely to be fully realized.

5. Notwithstanding these decreases in revenue, by careful economy in administration, a larger sum than the amount estimated has been placed to the Trust Fund to pay Old-age Pensions. Arrangements have been made to pay these pensions from 1st July this year.

6. The large financial obligations which must necessarily be incurred in the near future demand most careful attention.

7. You will be invited to consider the financial relations of the Commonwealth and the States, with the view of equitably adjusting them.

8. Proposals will be submitted to you for a Commonwealth silver and paper currency.

9. The important question of the Defence of the Commonwealth as an integral part of the British Empire has received close attention.

10. Recent events have shown the necessity for the Empire to develop new centres of strength, and with this end in view My Advisers some time ago cabled to the British Government suggesting the advisability of a Conference of the self-governing Dominions of the Empire with the Government of the United Kingdom on the question of Naval Defence. A similar suggestion having been made by the Dominion of Canada, the British Government has now convened an Imperial Naval and Military Defence Conference, and has invited the Commonwealth to send representatives. The invitation has been accepted, and the Minister of Defence has been appointed as the representative of the Commonwealth. He will be accompanied by naval and military experts.

11. The scheme for the establishment of an Imperial General Staff for the Empire has been approved, subject to effective local control being retained, and military representatives to that staff have been appointed.

12. As a contribution towards Imperial Naval Defence, and for the more effective Coastal Defence of Australia, engagements have been entered into for the building of three modern torpedo boat destroyers, and you will be asked to approve of a policy of naval construction for the building in Australia of similar vessels, as well as for training of crews to man them.

13. It is hoped that by the establishment of the nucleus of an Australian Navy, acting in conjunction with the ships of the Imperial Squadron, the Australian people may be encouraged to develop those maritime instincts which will be the best guarantee of effective assistance in maintaining the sea-power of the Empire and the safety of the Commonwealth.

14. In relation to the general question of naval and military defence, a measure providing for an effective Citizens' Defence Force will be introduced at an early stage.

15. My Advisers recognise that the effective defence of Australia requires a vast increase of the population, and that a comprehensive policy of immigration is urgently called for; but that this is impossible without increasing the facilities for the settlement of a large population on the land. Deeming this matter to be one of extreme urgency, it is proposed to bring forward at the earliest possible date a measure providing for the progressive taxation of unimproved land values, which, while providing revenue, will, it is anticipated, lead to the subdivision of large estates and cause extensive areas to be thrown open to settlement, and so offer to immigrants those inducements which are necessary to attract them in large numbers.

16. In this connexion the development of the Northern Territory is considered to be of the first importance, and the Agreement will be submitted to Parliament, with a view to an early settlement.

17. Proposals will be submitted to you for the amendment of the Constitution to enable Parliament to protect the interests of the consumer and insure a fair and reasonable wage to every worker in the Commonwealth. In protected and unprotected industries this will be secured through such extension of the industrial powers of the Parliament as may be necessary. It is proposed also to extend the jurisdiction of Parliament with regard to trusts and combinations in restraint of trade, and to provide for the nationalization of monopolies.

18. Following upon the Seat of Government Act passed last Session, and the selection of the Yass-Canberra District as the site of the Federal Capital, surveys and negotiations are proceeding, and it is confidently expected that final arrangements for the acquisition of the Federal Territory will shortly be completed.

19. A measure providing for the appointment of a High Commissioner, urgent on many grounds, will be submitted for your consideration.

20. The survey of a route for the proposed railway from Port Augusta to Kalgoorlie is rapidly approaching completion. The field work, both in South Australia and in Western Australia, having been finished, the final report, with plans and estimates, will shortly be ready for submission to Parliament.

21. Consideration of the Navigation Bill and the Seamen's Compensation Bill will be resumed at the stages which they had reached last Session.

22. It is also proposed to take up the Bills relating to Bills of Exchange and Marine Insurance which were before you last Session.

23. The Quarantine Act passed in 1908 has been proclaimed, and an appointment of a Director of Quarantine made.

24. The telephone rates have been recast and placed on an equitable and business-like basis.

25. The mail service from Australia to Vancouver has been renewed for one year on the existing terms and conditions.

26. During the recess the Minister for External Affairs visited Papua. The work of developing the valuable resources of the Territory is proceeding satisfactorily. Owing to the uncertainty of the exact location of the boundary between Papua and German New Guinea, it has become necessary for the frontier to be definitely determined, and a joint Commission is now at work on that task.

27. Consideration is being given to improving our trade relations with Canada and other self-governing parts of the Empire. A Bill to modify certain Customs Duties in favour of Papua will be placed before you.

28. The question of the encouragement of white labour in the Pearl-Fishing Industry is receiving attention.

29. The Royal Commissions of Inquiry into the Postal Service, the Harvester Industry, and Insurance, are continuing their investigations, and their reports are expected at an early date.

30. At the instance of My Advisers, the Imperial Government has been requested to convene a Customs Convention for the purpose of international co-operation with a view to the protection of Customs Revenue.

31. Measures will be introduced dealing with Norfolk Island; to amend the Old-age Pensions Act, the Electoral Act, the Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act, Immigration Restriction Act, and the Public Service Act.

32. I leave you now to your important duties, and earnestly hope that, under Divine guidance, your deliberations may promote the welfare of the people of the Commonwealth.

7. Address in Reply to His Excellency the Governor-General's Speech.—Mr. Fisher moved, That a Committee, consisting of Mr. Roberts, Mr. Hall, Mr. Catts, and Mr. Frazer be appointed to prepare an Address in Reply to the Speech delivered by His Excellency the Governor-General to both Houses of the Parliament.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the Committee do report this day.

Mr. Roberts then brought up the Address in Reply prepared by the Committee, and the same was read as follows:—

May it please Your Excellency—

We, the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, beg to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament.

Mr. Roberts moved, That the Address be agreed to by the House.

Mr. Hall seconded the motion.

Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

8. Days of Business.—Mr. Fisher moved, by leave, That, until otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the despatch of business at Three o'clock on each Tuesday afternoon, and at half-past Two o'clock on each Wednesday and Thursday afternoon, and at half-past Ten o'clock on each Friday morning.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

9. Adjournment.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-eight minutes past five o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chapman, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Knox, Mr. Dugald Thomson, and Mr. Watson.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 2.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 27TH MAY, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to by this House:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, beg to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament.—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Kelly moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.
The House divided—

Ayes, 39.		Noes, 30.	
Mr. Archer	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Bamford	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Liddell	Mr. Batchelor	Mr. McDougall
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Livingston	Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Tilley Brown	Mr. Mauger	Mr. Carr	Mr. Page
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Catts	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Coon	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Chanter	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Crouch	Sir John Quick	Mr. Fisher	Mr. Spence
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Reid	Mr. Foster	Mr. Storrer
Mr. Edwards	Mr. Salmon	Mr. Fowler	Mr. Thomas
Sir Thomas Ewing	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Hall	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Webster
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Bruce Smith	Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Wise
Colonel Foxton	Mr. John Thomson	Sir William Lyne	
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Willis	Mr. Mahon	*Tellers.*
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Wilson	Mr. Maloney	Mr. Frazer
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wynne	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Harper			
Mr. Hedges			
Mr. Hans Irvine	*Tellers.*		
Mr. W. H. Irvine	Mr. Hume Cook		
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Wilks		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

3. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at five minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chapman, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Knox, Mr. Dugald Thomson, and Mr. Watson.

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No. 3.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 28TH MAY, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Fisher made a Ministerial Statement in reference to the present political position arising from the Division taken in the House at the previous sitting.

3. PAPER.—Mr. Fisher presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

   Defence—Correspondence regarding a Conference between Representatives of His Majesty's Government and the Governments of the self-governing Dominions on the subject of Naval and Military Defence.

   Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.
   Debate ensued.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at half-past six o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chapman, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Knox, Mr. Dugald Thomson, and Mr. Watson.

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No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 1st JUNE, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. Petition.—Mr. Bamford presented a Petition from certain electors of the Commonwealth praying that the Parliament will cause a Referendum to be taken on the question of amending the Constitution so as to provide for the abolition of the State Governments and Parliaments, the transfer of their property and powers to the Commonwealth, and the establishment of new State Governments by the Parliament of the Commonwealth, with such powers and functions as that Parliament may confer upon them.
   Petition received and read.

3. Resignation of Ministry.—Mr. Fisher informed the House that, after the Division taken in the House on Thursday last, Ministers had considered the position and had advised His Excellency the Governor-General to dissolve the House. His Excellency had not seen fit to accept the advice, and had promised to give a written reply to a memorandum which he (Mr. Fisher) had submitted on the question. Ministers had tendered their resignations, and he was officially informed that the honorable Member for Ballaarat (Mr. Deakin) had been commissioned to form a new Administration.

4. The Late Honorable Thomas Price, Premier of South Australia—Vote of Condolence.—Mr. Fisher moved, by leave, That this House places on record its profound regret at the untimely decease of the Premier of South Australia, the Honorable Thomas Price, and expresses its deep sympathy with his family and the people of South Australia.
   Mr. Deakin and Mr. Speaker having addressed the House in support of the motion, and all Members present having risen in silence—
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
   Resolved—That Mr. Speaker be requested to convey the resolution to Mrs. Price and to the Acting Premier of South Australia.

5. Adjournment.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at eighteen minutes past three o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chapman, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Hans Irvine, Mr. Knox, Mr. Liddell, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Mauger, Mr. Reid, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Willis.

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No. 5.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND JUNE, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. FORMATION OF NEW MINISTRY.—Mr. Deakin informed the House that His Excellency the Governor-General, having accepted the resignation of the late Government, had commissioned him to form a new Administration, and that he had formed it as follows :—

The Honorable Joseph Cook, to be Minister of State for Defence;
The Right Honorable Sir John Forrest, to be Treasurer;
Senator the Honorable Sir Robert Wallace Best, to be Minister of State for Trade and Customs;
The Honorable Littleton Ernest Groom, to be Minister of State for External Affairs;
The Honorable Patrick McMahon Glynn, to be Attorney-General;
The Honorable Sir John Quick, to be Postmaster-General;
The Honorable George Warburton Fuller, to be Minister of State for Home Affairs;
Senator the Honorable Edward Davis Millen, to be Vice-President of the Federal Executive Council;
Colonel the Honorable Justin Fox Greenlaw Foxton, to be an Honorary Minister;

and that he himself would occupy the position of Prime Minister, without portfolio.

3. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday, 23rd instant, at three o'clock p.m.

Mr. Fisher moved, as an amendment, That "23rd" be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof "16th."

Debate ensued.

Question—That the figures proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 28.		Noes, 22.	
Mr. Archer	Mr. Hans Irvine	Mr. Bamford	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. Storrer
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mauger	Mr. Carr	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Joseph Cook	Sir John Quick	Mr. Chanter	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Salmon	Mr. Fisher	Mr. Webster
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Foster	
Mr. Edwards	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Frazer	*Tellers.*
Sir Thomas Ewing	Mr. Bruce Smith	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Spence
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Wilks	Sir William Lyne	Mr. Watkins
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Wilson	Mr. Mahon	
Colonel Foxton	Mr. Wynne	Mr. Maloney	
Mr. Fuller		Mr. Mathews	
Mr. Glynn	*Tellers.*	Mr. McDonald	
Mr. Groom	Mr. Hume Cook	Mr. McDougall	
Mr. Harper	Mr. John Thomson	Mr. Page	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday, 23rd instant, at three o'clock p.m.—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. The Late Honorable Thomas Price, Premier of South Australia.—Mr. Speaker read to the House the following telegram :—

The Speaker,
House of Representatives,
Melbourne.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your telegram conveying the resolution of the House of Representatives expressing its profound regret at the untimely decease of our Premier, also its deep sympathy with Mr. Price's family and the people of South Australia. I have communicated the contents of the message to Mrs. Price, who desires me to thank the House of Representatives for its sympathetic message of condolence. I also desire to thank the House on behalf of the people of South Australia.

A. H. Peake,
Acting Premier.

5. Adjournment.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirty-seven minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, 23rd instant, at three o'clock p.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Catts, Mr. Chapman, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Knox, Mr. Liddell, Mr. Livingston, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. O'Malley, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Reid, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Willis.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 6.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD JUNE, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES.—The following Warrant, nominating Temporary Chairmen of Committees, pursuant to Standing Order No. 25, was laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker :—

The Parliament of the Commonwealth.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order numbered 25, I do hereby nominate—

The Honorable James Mackinnon Fowler,
William Elliot Johnson, Esquire,
The Honorable Alexander Poynton, and
The Honorable Charles Carty Salmon

to act as Temporary Chairmen of Committees when requested so to do by the Chairman of Committees.

Given under my hand this twenty-third day of June, One thousand nine hundred and nine.

F. W. HOLDER,
Speaker.

3. PAPERS.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

South African Union—Message to people of South Africa upon entering into union.
Defence—Further correspondence (25th May to 15th June, 1909) regarding a Conference between representatives of His Majesty's Government and the Governments of the self-governing Dominions, on the subject of Naval and Military Defence.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Groom presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Imperial Institute—Letter to Prime Minister from the Director, respecting the Work of the Institute, &c.
Insurance—Progress Report of Royal Commission.
Insurances, Social (formerly "Workmen's Insurance")—Report by the Hon. Sir John Cockburn, K.C.M.G., on the International Congress, held in Rome, October, 1908.
Refrigerating Industries—Report of Mr. John Cooke, as Commissioner on behalf of the Commonwealth to the International Congress, held in Paris, October, 1908.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

Mr. Joseph Cook presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Defence—War and Peace Establishments of the Military Forces.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Fuller presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Federal Capital—Proposed Site at Yass-Canberra—Papers respecting selection of Territory and proposed Site for the City; together with Reports respecting Topography, Water Supply, Sewerage, Railway Communication, Power, &c.

Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta Railway—Report by H. Deane, M.I.C.E., on Survey of Route.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Joseph Cook presented, pursuant to Statute—

Defence Acts—Provisional Regulations—
- Military Forces—
  - Regulations Amended—
    - Nos. 2, 4—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 53.
    - No. 558—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 54.
    - Nos. 121A, 121B—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 55.
    - Nos. 106A, 106B Added—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 59.
    - No. 304—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 62.
    - No. 79—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 64.
  - Financial and Allowance Regulations Amended—
    - No. 143—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 51.
    - No. 78—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 52.
    - No. 105—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 63.

Sir John Forrest presented, pursuant to Statute—

Audit Act—Transfers of Amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council—Financial year 1908-9 (dated 5th June, 1909).

Mr. Glynn presented, pursuant to Statute—

Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Rule of Court, No. 26, Form 4 Amended—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 61.

Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to Statute—

Customs Act—Regulation Cancelled—*Re* Concentrated Varnish—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 65.
Excise Act—Sugar Regulation No. 21 Amended—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 58.

Mr. Fuller presented, pursuant to Statute—

Census and Statistics Act—
- Provisional Regulation—Utilization of Information for State purposes—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 60.
- Official Year-Book of the Commonwealth—No. 2.—1901 to 1908.
- Railways, Government—Desirability of Improved Statistics—Report by the Commonwealth Statistician.
- Trade and Customs and Excise Revenue, 1907.
- Official Bulletins—
  - Finance—No. 2.—Summary, 1901 to 1908.
  - Population and Vital Statistics—
    - No. 9.—Quarter ended 31st March, 1908.
    - No. 10.—Quarter ended 30th June, 1908.
    - No. 11.—Quarter ended 30th September, 1908.
    - No. 12.—Quarter ended 31st December, 1908.
  - Production—No. 2.—Summary, 1901 to 1907.
  - Trade, Shipping, Oversea Migration, and Finance—
    - No. 20.—August, 1908.
    - No. 21.—September, 1908.
    - No. 22.—October, 1908.
    - No. 23.—November, 1908.
    - No. 24.—December, 1908.
    - No. 25.—January, 1909.
    - No. 26.—February, 1909.
    - No. 27.—March, 1909.
  - Transport and Communication—No. 2.—Summary, 1901 to 1908.

Electoral Acts—Provisional Regulations—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 18.
Electoral Acts and Tasmanian Electoral Act—Regulations relating to Joint Electoral Rolls—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 29.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land Acquired under, at—
- Adelong, New South Wales—As a Site for a Post Office.
- Maryborough, Queensland—For Defence purposes.

4. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Deakin presented a Statement of the Business which Ministers proposed to submit to Parliament and in order to allow him to make a Ministerial statement of the policy of the Government, moved, That the Paper be printed.

Mr. Fisher moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

5. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to by this House:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, beg to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament.—

Debate resumed.

Sir William Lyne moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—PARLIAMENTARY WITNESSES BILL—REQUEST FOR RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION OF.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 1.*

Pursuant to the Standing Orders in that behalf, the Senate requests the House of Representatives to resume the consideration of a Bill for "*An Act relating to Parliamentary Witnesses*," which was transmitted to the House of Representatives for concurrence during the session of 1907–8, and was, in accordance with the Standing Orders, proceeded with last session.

A. J. GOULD,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 23rd June, 1909.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—BILLS OF EXCHANGE BILL—REQUEST FOR RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION OF.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 2.*

Pursuant to the Standing Orders in that behalf, the Senate requests the House of Representatives to resume the consideration of a Bill for "*An Act relating to Bills of Exchange*," which was transmitted to the House of Representatives for concurrence during the session of 1907–8, and was, in accordance with the Standing Orders, proceeded with last session.

A. J. GOULD,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 23rd June, 1909.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

8. NOTICE OF MOTION OF WANT OF CONFIDENCE.—Mr. Fisher, by leave, gave notice of a motion which he proposed to move to-morrow.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin thereupon moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes to nine o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Archer, Mr. Chapman, Colonel Foxton, Mr. Knox, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Watson.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 7.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 24TH JUNE, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPER.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

   Navigation Bill—Further correspondence (27th November, 1908, to 31st March, 1909) between the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

   Ordered to lie on the Table.

3. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, pursuant to notice, That the Government does not possess the confidence of this House.

   Debate ensued.

   Mr. Crouch moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

   Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

   Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-four minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chapman, Colonel Foxton, Mr. Knox, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Watson.

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No. 8.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 25TH JUNE, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1909–10.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

DUDLEY,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 1.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and ten.

23rd June, 1909.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

3. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Fisher :—That the Government does not possess the confidence of this House—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Johnson addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at ten minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Tilley Brown, Mr. Chapman, Colonel Foxton, Mr. Knox, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Watson.

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No. 9.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 29TH JUNE, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPER.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

South African Union—Reply to cablegram of felicitation from Prime Minister.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBERS (MR. CHAPMAN, MR. KNOX, COLONEL FOXTON, AND MR. WATSON).—Mr. Deakin moved, by leave, That leave of absence for two months be given to the honorable Member for Eden-Monaro (Mr. Chapman), and the honorable Member for Kooyong (Mr. Knox) on account of ill-health, to the honorable Member for Brisbane (Colonel Foxton) absent from the Commonwealth on public service, and to the honorable Member for South Sydney (Mr. Watson) absent from the Commonwealth on urgent private business.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered, after debate, That the consideration of all other business be postponed until after the consideration of Notice of Motion No. 1.

5. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—SUPPLY.—Sir John Forrest moved, pursuant to notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended in order to enable the Committees of Supply and Ways and Means to be appointed before the Address in Reply to His Excellency the Governor-General's Opening Speech has been agreed to by the House, and to enable all other steps to be taken to obtain Supply, and to pass a Supply Bill through all its stages without delay.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. SUPPLY.—Sir John Forrest moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the House will, this day, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. WAYS AND MEANS.—Sir John Forrest moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the House will, this day, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

8. SUPPLY.—The Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—

Question proposed—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight—

WEDNESDAY, 30TH JUNE, 1909.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.

Mr. McDonald also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

9. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and is as follows :—

Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Eight hundred and eighty-three thousand six hundred and ninety-nine pounds be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year ending 30th June, 1910.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirty-three minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chapman*, Colonel Foxton*, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Mr. Watson*, and Mr. Willis.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH JUNE, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPERS.—Sir John Forrest presented, pursuant to Statute—

   Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act—Provisional Regulations—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 47.

   Sir John Quick presented, pursuant to Statute—

   Public Service Act—Postmaster-General's Department—Promotion of G. H. Morgan as Manager, 3rd Class, Telephone Exchange, Melbourne.

3. WAYS AND MEANS.—The Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Ways and Means—

   Question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and resolved in the affirmative.

   Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain Resolution.

   Mr. McDonald also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

   Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Ways and Means was read, and is as follows :—

   Resolved—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year ending 30th June, 1910, a sum not exceeding Eight hundred and eighty-three thousand six hundred and ninety-nine pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

   And the said Resolution was adopted by the House.

   Ordered—That Sir John Forrest and Mr. Glynn do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

5. SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1909–10.—Sir John Forrest then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and ten,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

   Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

   Debate ensued.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

   Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that a quorum of Members was not present in the Committee; whereupon Mr. Speaker counted the House, and a quorum of Members having been obtained, the House again resolved itself into the Committee.

   Mr. Speaker again resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.

   On the motion of Sir John Forrest, the House adopted the Report.

   Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at three minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chapman* Colonel Foxton*, Mr. Knox, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Dugald Thomson, and Mr. Watson*.

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No. 11.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 1st JULY, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. Want of Confidence in the Government.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Fisher :—That the Government does not possess the confidence of this House—

   Debate resumed.

   Mr. Hutchison addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

   Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

3. Adjournment.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at nineteen minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chapman*, Colonel Foxton*, Mr. Knox, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Dugald Thomson, and Mr. Watson*.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 2ND JULY, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Fisher :—That the Government does not possess the confidence of this House—

   Debate resumed.

   Mr. Maloney addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

   Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

3. PAPER.—Mr. Fuller presented, pursuant to Statute—

   Public Service Act—Provisional Regulation No. 262—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 68.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fuller moved, That the House do now adjourn.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at eight minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bowden, Mr. Chapman*, Colonel Foxton*, Mr. Knox, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Mauger, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Dugald Thomson, and Mr. Watson*.

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No. 13.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 6TH JULY, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1909–10.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 3.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and ten,*" to which it has agreed without requests.

A. J. GOULD,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 2nd July, 1909.

3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

DUDLEY,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 2.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and ten,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

4th July, 1909.

4. PETITION.—Mr. Bamford presented a Petition from certain electors of the Commonwealth praying that the Parliament will cause a Referendum to be taken on the question of amending the Constitution so as to provide for the abolition of the State Governments and Parliaments, the transfer of their property and powers to the Commonwealth, and the establishment of new State Governments by the Parliament of the Commonwealth, with such powers and functions as that Parliament may confer upon them.

Petition received.

5. PAPERS.—Mr. Joseph Cook presented, pursuant to Statute—

Defence Acts—Military Forces—Regulations No. 60A Added and No. 106 Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 66.

Sir John Quick presented, pursuant to Statute—

Post and Telegraph Act—General Postal Regulations Amended—Commonwealth Electoral Papers, No. 3—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 70.

Mr. Fuller presented, pursuant to Statute—

Census and Statistics Act—Official Bulletins—

Trade, Shipping, Oversea Migration, and Finance—No. 28, April, 1909.

Population and Vital Statistics, No. 13—Commonwealth Demography, 1908, and previous years.

Ordered to be printed.

6. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Fisher :—That the Government does not possess the confidence of this House—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Atkinson moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House at fourteen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bowden, Mr. Chapman*, Colonel Foxton*, Mr. Knox, Mr. Liddell, Mr. Livingston, Sir William Lyne Mr. Mauger, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Storrer, Mr. Watson*, Mr. Willis, and Mr. Wilson.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH JULY, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Fisher :—That the Government does not possess the confidence of this House—

   Debate resumed.

   Mr. Wilks addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

   Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

3. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.

   Debate ensued.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at six minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chapman*, Colonel Foxton*, Mr. Knox, Mr. Liddell, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Mauger, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Watson*, and Mr. Wilson.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 8TH JULY, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PRINTING COMMITTEE—FIRST REPORT FROM.—Mr. Willis, for the Chairman, brought up the First Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate).

The Report was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the undermentioned Petitions and Papers presented to Parliament, make the following recommendations with respect to such of them as were not ordered by either House to be printed :—

Subject of Paper.	Recommendation of Committee.	Remarks.
Petitions—		
Abolition of State Governments and Parliaments —From certain electors, praying that referendum may be taken on subject. (Two petitions)	No recommendation	
Papers—		
Audit Acts—		
Statutory Rules 1908, Nos. 131 and 134 ...	,,	Already in print and circulated to Members
Transfers, Financial Year, 1908-9—Dated—19th December, 1908 ; 8th January, 1909 ; 9th February, 1909 ; 5th March, 1909 ; 1st April, 1909 ; 23rd April, 1909 ; 5th June, 1909	,,	
Bounties Act—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 49 ...	,,	Already in print and circulated to Members
Census and Statistics Act—		
Statutory Rules 1909, No. 60	,,	,, ,,
Official Year-Book of Commonwealth, No. 2—1901 to 1908	,,	,, ,,
Railways, Government, Report on Desirability of Improved Statistics	,,	,, ,,
Trade and Customs and Excise Revenue, 1907	,,	,, ,,
Official Bulletins—		
Finance—No. 2	,,	,, ,,
Population and Vital Statistics—Nos. 9, 10, 11, and 12	,,	,, ,,
Production—No. 2	,,	,, ,,
Trade, Shipping, Oversea Migration, and Finance—Nos. 20 to 27	,,	,, ,,
Transport and Communication—No. 2 ...	,,	,, ,,
Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Statutory Rules 1908, No. 127	,,	,, ,,
Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Rule of Court —Statutory Rules 1909, No. 61	,,	,, ,,
Contract Immigrants Act—Return for year 1908	To be printed	
Customs Act—Statutory Rules 1909, Nos. 14, 65; and 1908, No. 126	No recommendation	Already in print and circulated to Members
Defence—		
Imperial Naval and Military Conference—Further correspondence	,,	
War and Peace Establishments of Military Forces	,,	

REPORT—*continued.*

Subject of Paper.	Recommendation of Committee.	Remarks.
Papers—*continued.*		
Defence Acts—Statutory Rules 1908, Nos. 128, 129, and 130; and 1909, Nos. 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 16, 17, 22, 23, 25, 28, 31, 33, 34, 35, 39, 40, 46, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 59, 62, 63, 64, 66	No recommendation	Already in print and circulated to Members
Electoral Acts—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 18 ...	,,	,, ,,
Electoral Acts and Tasmanian Electoral Act—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 29	,,	,, ,,
Excise Act—Statutory Rules 1909, Nos. 27 and 58	,,	,, ,,
Exports to German Possessions in South Seas—Return	,,	
Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta Railway—Survey of Route—Report by H. Deane, M.I.C.E.	To be printed	
Immigration Restriction Acts—Return for year 1908	,,	
Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 47	No recommendation	Already in print and circulated to Members
Lands Acquisition Act—		
Notifications of land acquired at—Adelong, Coff's Harbor, Enoggera, Kyamba, Maryborough, Newcastle, Singleton, Wentworth Falls, Yass	,	Published in *Gazette*
Notification of land leased at Shark's Bay ..	,,	,, ,,
Manufactures Encouragement Act—Statutory Rules 1909, Nos. 15 and 48	,,	Already in print and circulated to Members
Meteorology Act—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 5 ...	,,	,, ,,
Naturalization Act—Return showing number of persons granted certificates during 1908	To be printed	
Papua—		
Ordinances of 1908—Nos. 12 to 18 Ordinances of 1909—Nos. 1 and 2; Sago; Land ...	,,	
Lands privately held—Return	,,	
Progress of Territory—Reports by Hon. Staniforth Smith—		
Dated 25th February, 1909	No recommendation	
Dated 3rd April, 1909	,,	
atents Acts—Statutory Rules 1909, Nos. 2 and 19	,,	Already in print and circulated to Members
Post and Telegraph Act—Statutory Rules 1908, No. 117; 1909, Nos. 24, 37, 38, 42, and 70	,,	,, ,,
Public Service—		
Accidents to Commonwealth Employés ...	,,	
Employés receiving salaries of £300 and over ...	To be printed	
Public Service Act—		
Statutory Rules 1908, No. 125; 1909, Nos. 6, 26, 44, 45, 50, and 68	No recommendation	Already in print circulated to M mb
List of Permanent Officers, 1st January, 1909 ...	,,	Published in *Gazette*
Recommendations *re* Appointments or Promotions, in cases of—P. C. Barnes, T. G. Brent, D. W. Crawford, J. H. Durant, A. S. Higgs, P. Howe, H. J. Huffer, H. R. Jupp, J. A. S. Kayser, J. H. R. King, G. Lightfoot, C. E. McKenzie, G. H. Morgan, R. S. Orr, T. Oxenham, B. T. Paton, J. C. T. Vardon, H. C. O. Willgerodt, F. C. Williams, C. Woodland	,,	
South African Union—		
Message of felicitation to the people of South Africa	,,	
Reply to message of felicitation	,,	
Sugar Bounty Act—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 43	,,	Already in print and circulated to Members
Vessels trading to or from Australia—Accidents to Propellers, from 1st January, 1901.—Return	To be printed	

Committee Room,
8th July, 1909.

HENRY WILLIS,
For Chairman.

Mr. Willis moved, by leave, That the Report be adopted.
Debate ensued.
Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 32.		Noes, 27.	
Mr. Archer	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Bamford	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mauger	Mr. Batchelor	Mr. McDougall
Mr. Bowden	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Carr	Mr. Page
Mr. Coon	Sir John Quick	Mr. Catts	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Reid	Mr. Chanter	Mr. Storrer
Mr. Edwards	Mr. Salmon	Mr. Fisher	Mr. Thomas
Sir Thomas Ewing	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Foster	Mr. Tudor
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Frazer	Mr. Webster
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Dugald Thomson	Mr. Hall	Mr. Wise
Mr. Fuller	Mr. John Thomson	Mr. Hughes	
Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. Wilks	Mr. Hutchison	
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Willis	Sir William Lyne	*Tellers.*
Mr. Groom		Mr. Maloney	Mr. Spence
Mr. Harper	*Tellers.*	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Hedges	Mr. Hume Cook		
Mr. Hans Irvine	Mr. Crouch		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

3. Want of Confidence in the Government.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Fisher :—That the Government does not possess the confidence of this House—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Webster moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

4. Paper.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Prickly Pear—Report on the Plant known as the Prickly Pear—by Senator James H. McColl.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

5. Adjournment.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at a quarter to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chapman*, Colonel Foxton*, Mr. Knox, Mr. Liddell, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Watson*, and Mr. Wilson.

* On leave.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 9TH JULY, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PETITION—PRINTING OF.—Mr. Bamford moved, by leave, That the Petition in favour of the unification of Australia, which was presented to the House on 1st June last, be printed.
   Debate ensued.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

3. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Fisher :—That the Government does not possess the confidence of this House—
   Debate resumed.
   Mr. Webster addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
   Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at five minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Tilley Brown, Mr. Chapman*, Colonel Foxton*, Mr. Livingston, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Sampson, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Watson*, and Mr. Wilson.

* On leave.

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No. 17.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 13TH JULY, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPERS.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—*
   Lord Kitchener—Invitation to visit Australia in connexion with Defence proposals.
   Ordered to lie on the Table.

   Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to Statute—
   Quarantine Act—Provisional Regulations—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 73.

3. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Fisher :—That the Government does not possess the confidence of this House—
   Debate resumed.
   Mr. Hume Cook moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
   Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
   Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at ten minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chapman*, Colonel Foxton*, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, Mr. W. H. Irvine, Mr. Knox, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Watson*, Mr. Willis, and Mr. Wilson.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH JULY, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PETITION.—Mr. Bowden presented a Petition from R. L. Moore, of Lithgow, praying that the House will consider the question of compensation for the loss and damage sustained by him by the admitted negligence of one of the postal officials in regard to a prepaid telegram sent by him to the Randwick race-course.
   Petition, on the motion of Mr. Bowden, received.
   Mr. Chanter moved, That the Petition be read.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
   Petition read.

3. PAPERS.—Mr. Joseph Cook presented, pursuant to Statute—
   Defence Acts—
   Military Cadet Corps—Regulation No. 13 Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 75.
   Military Forces—Regulation No. 482 (*a*) Added (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 74.

4. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Fisher :—That the Government does not possess the confidence of this House—
   Debate resumed.
   Mr. Carr addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
   Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at five minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chapman*, Colonel Foxton*, Mr. W. H. Irvine, Mr. Knox, and Mr. Watson*.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 15TH JULY, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. SUPPLY.—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—
   Question proposed—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
   Debate ensued.
   Question—put and negatived.
   Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

3. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Fisher :—That the Government does not possess the confidence of this House—
   Debate resumed.
   Mr. Roberts addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
   Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at ten minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Tilley Brown, Mr. Chapman*, Sir Thomas Ewing, Colonel Foxton*, Mr. W. H. Irvine, Mr. Knox, Sir William Lyne, and Mr. Watson*.

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No. 20.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 16TH JULY, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPER.—Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to Statute—

Papua—Ordinance of 1909—Native Regulation.

3. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Fisher :—That the Government does not possess the confidence of this House—

Debate resumed.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 27.		Noes, 34.	
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Archer	Mr. Liddell
Mr. Batchelor	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. McDougall	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mauger
Mr. Carr	Mr. O'Malley	Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Catts	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Coon	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Roberts	Mr. Crouch	Sir John Quick
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Spence	Mr. Deakin	Mr. Reid
Mr. Foster	Mr. Storrer	Mr. Edwards	Mr. Salmon
Mr. Frazer	Mr. Thomas	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Hall	Mr. Tudor	Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Hughes		Mr. Fuller	Mr. Dugald Thomson
Mr. Hutchison	*Tellers.*	Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. Wilks
Sir William Lyne	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Glynn	Mr. Willis
Mr. Mahon	Mr. Webster	Mr. Groom	Mr. Wynne
Mr. Maloney		Mr. Harper	
		Mr. Hedges	*Tellers.*
		Mr. Hans Irvine	Mr. Hume Cook
		Mr. Johnson	Mr. John Thomson

And so it passed in the negative.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty minutes to five o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Tilley Brown, Mr. Chapman*, Sir Thomas Ewing, Colonel Foxton*, Mr. W. H. Irvine, Mr. Knox, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Watson*.

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No. 21.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 20TH JULY, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—OLD-AGE PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL (1909).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

DUDLEY,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 4.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of money be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of One million pounds for Invalid and Old-age Pensions.

14th July, 1909.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—AUDIT BILL (1909).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

DUDLEY,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 3.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the Audit Acts 1901-1906.

7th July, 1909.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

4. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Batchelor rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The effect of the New Zealand and South African Customs Agreement on Australian trade."

Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—

Mr. Batchelor moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

5. PAPERS.—Sir John Quick presented, pursuant to Statute—

Public Service Act—Postmaster-General's Department—Promotion of E. Broad as Manager, 2nd Class, Telegraph Branch, Adelaide.

Mr. Fuller presented, pursuant to Statute—

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at Port Kembla, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.

6. Address in Reply to His Excellency the Governor-General's Speech.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to by this House:—

May it please Your Excellency—

We, the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, beg to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament.—

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. Ministerial Statement.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr. Deakin, That the Paper stating the business proposed to be submitted to Parliament by Ministers, laid on the Table on 23rd June last, be printed—

Debate resumed.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 29.		Noes, 26.	
Mr. Archer	Mr. Mauger	Mr. Bamford	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Batchelor	Mr. McDougall
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Coon	Sir John Quick	Mr. Catts	Mr. Page
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Reid	Mr. Chanter	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Salmon	Mr. Fisher	Mr. Spence
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Foster	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Frazer	Mr. Tudor
Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. Bruce Smith	Mr. Hall	Mr. Webster
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Dugald Thomson	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Wise
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wilks	Mr. Hutchison	
Mr. Hedges	Mr. Willis	Mr. Mahon	*Tellers.*
Mr. Hans Irvine	*Tellers.*	Mr. Maloney	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Hume Cook	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Livingston	Mr. Crouch		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

8. Parliamentary Witnesses Bill—Senate's Request for Resumption o fConsideration of.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the essage from the Senate requesting the resumption by the House of the consideration of this Bill, which was transmitted to the House for concurrence during the Session 1907–8, and the proceedings on which were last Session resumed at the request of the Senate, but were interrupted by the Prorogation of the Parliament—

Mr. Glynn moved, That the request of the Senate, contained in its Message No. 1, for the resumption by the House of the consideration of the Parliamentary Witnesses Bill, be complied with, and that a Message be transmitted to the Senate acquainting it therewith.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Glynn moved, That the further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the whole House (the stage which the Bill had reached last Session) be made an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

9. Bills of Exchange Bill—Senate's Request for Resumption of Consideration of.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Message from the Senate requesting the resumption by the House of the consideration of this Bill, which was transmitted to the House for concurrence during the Session of 1907–8, and the proceedings on which were last Session resumed at the request of the Senate, but were interrupted by the Prorogation of the Parliament—

Mr. Glynn moved, That the request of the Senate, contained in its Message No. 2, for the resumption by the House of the consideration of the Bills of Exchange Bill, be complied with, and that a Message be transmitted to the Senate acquainting it therewith.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Glynn moved, That the second reading of the Bill (the stage which the Bill had reached last Session) be made an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

10. Postponement of Orders of the Day.—Ordered—That the consideration of the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until after the consideration of the Notices of Motion.

11. Marine Insurance Bill—Resumption of Proceedings at Stage reached last Session.—Mr. Glynn moved, pursuant to notice, That the proceedings on the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Marine Insurance*," which were interrupted by the Prorogation of Parliament last session, be resumed at the stage then reached in connexion with the said Bill, and that the further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

12. Electoral Bill (1909).—Mr. Fuller moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the Law relating to Parliamentary Elections.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

13. Northern Territory Acceptance Bill.—Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Acceptance of the Northern Territory as a Territory under the Authority of the Commonwealth and for the carrying out of the Agreement for the Surrender and Acceptance.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

14. Invalid and Old-age Pensions Bill (1909).—Sir John Forrest moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act* 1908.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Sir John Forrest then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act* 1908'", and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
On the motion of Mr. Deakin the Standing Orders were suspended, and the second reading of the Bill was made an Order of the Day for this day.
Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Maloney moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

15. Norfolk Island Bill.—Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Acceptance of Norfolk Island as a Territory under the authority of the Commonwealth, and for the Government thereof.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Groom then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide for the Acceptance of Norfolk Island as a Territory under the Authority of the Commonwealth, and for the Government thereof*", and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

16. Telegraph Bill.—Sir John Quick moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Telegraphic Communication in Time of Emergency.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

17. Coinage Bill.—Sir John Forrest moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Currency, Coinage, and Legal Tender.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

18. High Commissioner Bill.—Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the office of High Commissioner of the Commonwealth in the United Kingdom.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

19. Audit Bill (1909).—Sir John Forrest moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the Audit Acts 1901–1906.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

20. Bureau of Agriculture Bill.—Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the Australian Bureau of Agriculture.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Groom then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to the Australian Bureau of Agriculture*", and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

21. Northern Territory Acceptance Bill.—Mr. Groom, pursuant to leave given this day, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide for the Acceptance of the Northern Territory as a Territory under the Authority of the Commonwealth and for the carrying out of the Agreement for the Surrender and Acceptance*", and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

22. Order of Government Business.—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice, That on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday in each week, until otherwise ordered, Government Business shall take precedence of all other business; and that on each Thursday until half-past Six o'clock, until otherwise ordered, General Business shall take precedence of Government Business.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

23. ORDER OF GENERAL BUSINESS.—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice, That on Thursday in each week, until otherwise ordered, General Business shall be called on in the following order, viz.:—

On one Thursday—
Notices of Motion.
Orders of the Day.
On the alternate Thursday—
Orders of the Day.
Notices of Motion.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

24. PAPER.—Mr. Fuller presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta Railway.—Report (dated 19th July, 1909) by H. Deane, on Survey of Route.

Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

25. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at seventeen minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Carr, Mr. Chapman*, Mr. Joseph Cook, Sir Thomas Ewing, Colonel Foxton*, Mr. Knox, Mr. Liddell, Sir William Lyne, Mr. John Thomson, Mr. Watson*, and Mr. Wilson.

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No. 22.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST JULY, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPER.—Mr. Joseph Cook presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
   Small Arms Factory.—*Précis* of proceedings in connexion with the tenders for machinery for Small Arms Factory.
   Ordered to lie on the Table.

3. AUDIT BILL (1909).—Sir John Forrest, pursuant to leave given on 20th July instant, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the Audit Acts* 1901–1906," and moved, That it be now read a first time.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
   Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

4. TELEGRAPH BILL.—Sir John Quick, pursuant to leave given on 20th July instant, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Telegraphic Communication in Time of Emergency*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
   Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

5. INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL (1909).—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
   Debate resumed.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
   Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Poynton reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
   Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
   Debate ensued.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at half-past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Carr, Mr. Chapman*, Sir Thomas Ewing, Colonel Foxton*, Mr. Liddell, Mr. John Thomson, and Mr. Watson*.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 22ND JULY, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPER.—Sir John Quick presented, pursuant to Statute—

   Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations Amended—General—Holiday Arrangements; Parcels Post, Directions as to Posting; Postal Notes—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 87.

3. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Ordered, That the consideration of Notice of Motion, General Business No. 1, be postponed until Thursday, 21st October next.

4. TARIFF ANOMALIES.—Sir William Lyne moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should proceed without delay to introduce a Bill for an Act to remove the anomalies existing in the present Customs and Excise Tariff Acts, and to add such other duties as may be deemed necessary.

   Debate ensued.

   Mr. Groom moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

   Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.

   The House divided—

Ayes, 31.		Noes, 24.	
Mr. Archer	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Bamford	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Batchelor	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mauger	Mr. Catts	Mr. McDougall
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Chanter	Mr. Page
Mr. Coon	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Fisher	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Crouch	Sir John Quick	Mr. Foster	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Reid	Mr. Frazer	Mr. Spence
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Salmon	Mr. Hall	Mr. Thomas
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Willis	Mr. Hutchison	
Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. Wilson	Sir William Lyne	*Tellers.*
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Wynne	Mr. Mahon	Mr. Storrer
Mr. Groom		Mr. Maloney	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Harper	*Tellers.*		
Mr. Hedges	Mr. Hume Cook		
Mr. Hans Irvine	Mr. Sampson		
Mr. W. H. Irvine			

   And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

   Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday next.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Ordered, That the consideration of Notice of Motion, General Business No. 3, be postponed until Thursday, 5th August next.

6. SMALL ARMS FACTORY SITE.—Mr. Mahon moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient that the proposed Small Arms Factory should be located within the Federal territory selected for the site of the Commonwealth Capital City.

   Mr. Mahon not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

   Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 5th August next.

The time allowed for the precedence of General Business having terminated, Government Business was called on.

7. Invalid and Old-age Pensions Bill (1909).—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight—

FRIDAY, 23rd JULY, 1909.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same with amendments.

On the motion of Sir John Forrest, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Bill to be passed through its remaining stages this day.

Sir John Forrest moved, That the Report be now adopted.

Mr. Mahon moved, That the Bill be now recommitted for the consideration of a new clause to amend section 45 of the Principal Act.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 26.		Noes, 30.	
Mr. Bamford	Mr. McDougall	Mr. Archer	Mr. W. H. Irvine
Mr. Batchelor	Mr. O'Malley	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Catts	Mr. Page	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mauger
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Roberts	Mr. Coon	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Foster	Mr. Spence	Mr. Crouch	Sir John Quick
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Storrer	Mr. Deakin	Mr. Salmon
Mr. Hall	Mr. Thomas	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Tudor	Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sinclair
Sir William Lyne	Mr. Wise	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Willis
Mr. Mahon		Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Maloney	*Tellers.*	Mr. Glynn	Mr. Wynne
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Frazer	Mr. Groom	
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Harper	*Tellers.*
		Mr. Hedges	Mr. Hume Cook
		Mr. Hans Irvine	Mr. Kelly

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Catts moved, That the Bill be now recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 10.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 26.		Noes, 30.	
Mr. Bamford	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Archer	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Batchelor	Mr. McDougall	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Kelly
Mr. Catts	Mr. O'Malley	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mauger
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Page	Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Coon	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Foster	Mr. Spence	Mr. Deakin	Sir John Quick
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Storrer	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Salmon
Mr. Frazer	Mr. Thomas	Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Hall	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Wise	Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. Willis
Sir William Lyne		Mr. Glynn	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Mahon	*Tellers.*	Mr. Groom	Mr. Wynne
Mr. Maloney	Mr. Roberts	Mr. Harper	
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Hedges	*Tellers.*
		Mr. Hans Irvine	Mr. Hume Cook
		Mr. W. H. Irvine	Mr. Crouch

And so it passed in the negative.

Question—That the Report be now adopted—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Sir John Forrest proposing to move, That the Bill be now read a third time—

Mr. Catts moved, That the Bill be now recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 10.

Question—put and negatived.

Question—That the Bill be now read a third time—put and, after debate, resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

8. OLD-AGE PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL (1909.)—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 4—

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

The Clerk having informed the House of the unavoidable absence, through illness, of Mr. Speaker—

The Deputy-Speaker took the Chair; Mr. Poynton reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.

Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.

And thereupon the said resolution was read, and is as follows:—

Resolved—That it is expedient that an appropriation of money be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of One million pounds for Invalid and Old-age Pensions.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir John Forrest and Mr. Glynn do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Sir John Forrest then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of One million pounds for Invalid and Old-age Pensions,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

9. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at eight minutes to six o'clock in the morning, adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Tilley Brown, Mr. Carr, Mr. Chapman*, Sir Thomas Ewing, Colonel Foxton*, Mr. Knox, Mr. Liddell, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Mr. John Thomson, Mr. Watson*, and Mr. Webster.

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No. 24.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 27TH JULY, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

2. DEATH OF THE SPEAKER.—The Clerk (all Members standing) said—

It is with deep regret that I have to announce that Mr. Speaker died at Parliament House on Friday afternoon, the 23rd July instant.

After which the Mace was brought into the House by the Serjeant-at-Arms and laid under the Table.

3. THE LATE HONORABLE SIR FREDERICK WILLIAM HOLDER, K.C.M.G.—THE SPEAKER.—Mr. Deakin, addressing himself to the Clerk, moved—

That the Parliament records its high appreciation of the many and eminent services rendered to the Commonwealth by the late Sir Frederick Holder, particularly during his tenure of the arduous office of Speaker from its first assembling until his decease on Friday last.

Inspired by a lofty conception of the duties of his office, he presided over the House of Representatives with conspicuous ability, firmness, and impartiality. An unsparing devotion to administrative duties was associated with a personal courtesy which endeared him to Members and Officers of the House.

The founding of a National Library has been among the most important of his special interests.

All citizens of Australia will concur in tendering their profound sympathy to the bereaved wife and family of a most distinguished Australian, whose loss is deeply felt by the whole community.

That this resolution be transmitted to the Senate for its consideration.

And Mr. Fisher and other honorable Members having addressed the House—
The Clerk, by direction of the House, put the question, That the foregoing motion be agreed to—
And, all Members standing, it was resolved in the affirmative.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin, addressing himself to the Clerk, moved, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Speaker, the Honorable Sir Frederick William Holder, That the House do now adjourn.

The Clerk, by direction of the House, put the Question for adjourning the House, which was resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-seven minutes past three o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bowden, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Carr, Mr. Catts, Mr. Chapman*, Sir Thomas Ewing, Mr. Foster, Colonel Foxton*, Mr. Hall, Mr. Hughes, Mr. W. H. Irvine, Mr. Knox, Mr. Liddell, Mr. Reid, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Watson*, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Wilks.

* On leave.

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No. 25.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH JULY, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

2. ELECTION OF SPEAKER.—Sir Philip Fysh, addressing himself to the Clerk (who, standing up, pointed to him, and then sat down), proposed to the House for its Speaker the Honorable Charles Carty Salmon, and moved, That he do take the Chair of the House as Speaker; which motion was seconded by Mr. Mauger.

Then Mr. Batchelor, addressing himself in like manner to the Clerk, proposed to the House for its Speaker the Honorable Charles McDonald, and moved, That he do take the Chair of the House as Speaker; which motion was seconded by Mr. Bamford.

Debate ensued.

Then Mr. Storrer, addressing himself in like manner to the Clerk, proposed to the House for its Speaker the Honorable John Moore Chanter, and moved, That he do take the Chair of the House as Speaker; which motion was seconded by Sir William Lyne.

Then Mr. Hutchison, addressing himself in like manner to the Clerk, proposed to the House for its Speaker the Honorable Agar Wynne, and moved, That he do take the Chair of the House as Speaker; which motion was seconded by Mr. O'Malley.

Debate continued.

And thereupon Mr. Wynne addressed himself to the House, and stated that he did not wish to be proposed as Speaker.

Debate continued.

Mr. Hughes moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

The Question—That the debate be now adjourned—was put by the Clerk.

The House divided—

Ayes, 32.		Noes, 36.	
Mr. Bamford	Mr. McDougall	Mr. Archer	Mr. Kelly
Mr. Batchelor	Mr. O'Malley	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Liddell
Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. Page	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Carr	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Tilley Brown	Mr. Mauger
Mr. Catts	Mr. Roberts	Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Coon	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Spence	Mr. Crouch	Sir John Quick
Mr. Foster	Mr. Storrer	Mr. Deakin	Mr. Reid
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Thomas	Mr. Edwards	Mr. Salmon
Mr. Frazer	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Hall	Mr. Webster	Sir John Forrest	Mr. Bruce Smith
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Wilks	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Dugald Thomson
Sir William Lyne	Mr. Wise	Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. John Thomson
Mr. Mahon		Mr. Glynn	Mr. Willis
Mr. Maloney	*Tellers.*	Mr. Groom	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Harper	
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Hedges	*Tellers.*
		Mr. Hans Irvine	Mr. Hume Cook
		Mr. W. H. Irvine	Mr. Johnson

And so it passed in the negative.

Debate continued on the proposals for election of a Speaker.

Mr. Mathews moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

The Question—That the debate be now adjourned—was put by the Clerk.

The House divided—

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Bamford	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Batchelor	Mr. McDougall
Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Carr	Mr. Page
Mr. Catts	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Spence
Mr. Foster	Mr. Storrer
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Frazer	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Hall	Mr. Webster
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Wise
Mr. Hutchison	
Sir William Lyne	*Tellers.*
Mr. Mahon	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Maloney	Mr. Wilks
Mr. Mathews	

Noes, 31.

Mr. Archer	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mauger
Mr. Tilley Brown	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Joseph Cook	Sir John Quick
Mr. Coon	Mr. Reid
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Salmon
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Edwards	Mr. Bruce Smith
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Dugald Thomson
Mr. Fuller	Mr. John Thomson
Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. Willis
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Hedges	*Tellers.*
Mr. Hans Irvine	Mr. Bowden
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Hume Cook
Mr. Liddell	

And the numbers being equal the Clerk stated that he would not take the responsibility of stopping the debate, and therefore gave a casting vote with the Noes—

And a point of order being raised that the Clerk could not vote, the Clerk, as Chairman, ruled that if he had not a casting vote as Chairman, nevertheless the motion for adjournment, not having received a majority of votes, had not been agreed to.

And the Honorable Charles Carty Salmon having submitted himself to the House—

Debate continued on the proposals for election of a Speaker.

The Question—That the Honorable Charles Carty Salmon do take the Chair of the House as Speaker—was put by the Clerk.

The House divided—

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Archer	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Atkinson	**Mr. Mauger**
Mr. Bowden	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Tilley Brown	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Joseph Cook	Sir John Quick
Mr. Coon	Mr. Reid
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Edwards	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Bruce Smith
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Dugald Thomson
Mr. Fuller	Mr. John Thomson
Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. Willis
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wise
Mr. Harper	Mr. Wynne
Mr. Hedges	
Mr. Hans Irvine	*Tellers.*
Mr. W. H. Irvine	Mr. Hume Cook
Mr. Johnson	**Mr. Crouch**
Mr. Liddell	

Noes, 29.

Mr. Bamford	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Batchelor	Mr. McDougall
Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Carr	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Catts	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Spence
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Storrer
Mr. Foster	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Hall	Mr. Webster
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Wilks
Mr. Hutchison	
Sir William Lyne	*Tellers.*
Mr. Mahon	Mr. Frazer
Mr. Maloney	Mr. Watkins.
Mr. Mathews	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Salmon was then taken out of his place by Sir Philip Fysh and Mr. Mauger, and conducted to the Chair, where, standing on the upper step, he returned his humble acknowledgments to the House for the great honour it had been pleased to confer upon him by choosing him to be its Speaker, and thereupon he sat down in the Chair, and then the Mace, which before lay under the Table, was laid upon the Table.

Then Mr. Deakin and Mr. Fisher congratulated Mr. Speaker.

3. Presentation of Speaker to Governor-General.—Mr. Deakin informed the House that the Governor-General would fix a time for receiving the Speaker.

4. Paper.—Mr. Joseph Cook presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Defence—Extracts from Report submitted to the Honorable the Minister of State for Defence by Major-General J. C. Hoad, C.M.G., Inspector-General, Military Forces of the Commonwealth, in connexion with Tour of Duty in the United Kingdom and the United States of America, 1908–9.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-seven minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chapman*, Sir Thomas Ewing, Colonel Foxton*, Mr. Knox, and Mr. Watson*.

* On leave.

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No. 26.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 29TH JULY, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. WAKEFIELD ELECTORAL DIVISION.—ISSUE OF WRIT.—Mr. Speaker announced to the House that he had that day issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Wakefield, in the State of South Australia, in the place of the Honorable Sir Frederick William Holder, deceased. The dates appointed in the Writ were as follow :—

Date of Nomination—Saturday, 14th August, 1909.
Date of Polling—Saturday, 28th August, 1909.
Return of Writ—On or before 25th September, 1909.

3. PAPERS.—Mr. Joseph Cook presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Defence—Imperial General Staff—Correspondence relating to the Proposed Formation of, including Major-General Hoad's proposals with regard to an Australian Section thereof.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Joseph Cook presented, pursuant to Statute—

Defence Acts—Provisional Regulations—
- Military Cadet Corps—
  - Regulations Amended—
    - Nos. 3 and 8—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 86.
- Military Forces—
  - Financial and Allowance Regulations Amended—
    - No. 65—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 80.
    - No. 73—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 81.
    - No. 78—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 82.
    - No. 148—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 83.
    - No. 204—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 84.
    - No. 233A—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 85.
- Naval Forces—
  - Financial and Allowance Regulations Amended—
    - Nos. 48 and 50A—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 79.

Mr. Groom presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Northern Territory—Transfer to the Commonwealth—
- Correspondence (dated 15th October, 1906, to 16th July, 1909.)
- Memorandum prepared under the direction of the Hon. L. E. Groom, Minister for External Affairs, in connexion with the Bill for the acceptance of the Territory.

Shearing Wet Sheep—Report of Investigations carried out by a Joint Conference of the Pastoralists' Associations and the Australian Workers' Union, 1908–9.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

Mr. Fuller presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Federal Capital—Proposed Site at Yass-Canberra.—Report by Chief Engineer for Harbors and Water Supply, New South Wales (E. M. de Burgh) *re* Flow of Cotter River from 1st January to 7th July, 1909.

Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

4. Tariff Anomalies.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Sir William Lyne:—"That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should proceed without delay to introduce a Bill for an Act to remove the anomalies existing in the present Customs and Excise Tariff Acts, and to add such other duties as may be deemed necessary"—Debate resumed.

Mr. Fairbairn moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "House" be omitted from the motion with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof:—"the Government declaration that 'Consideration is being given to the adjustment of anomalies in the Tariff, and any Bill on the subject would, as a matter of course, safeguard the interests of the producers and manufacturers of the Commonwealth. Each anomaly will be dealt with according to its character; the general policy of the existing Tariff being maintained' is satisfactory."

Debate ensued.

Mr. Bruce Smith addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday next.

5. Monopolies—Federal Control of.—Mr. Hall moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable to so amend the Commonwealth Constitution as to confer upon the Federal Parliament power to own and control monopolies.

Mr. Hedges moved, That the debate be now adjourned—put.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 30.		Noes, 23.	
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Bamford	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Liddell	Mr. Batchelor	Mr. McDougall
Mr. Coon	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. Page
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Reid	Mr. Carr	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Catts	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Edwards	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Fisher	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Bruce Smith	Mr. Foster	Mr. Webster
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Dugald Thomson	Mr. Frazer	Mr. Wise
Mr. Fuller	Mr. John Thomson	Mr. Hall	
Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. Wilks	Mr. Hutchison	
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Willis	Sir William Lyne	*Tellers.*
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wilson	Mr. Mahon	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Hedges		Mr. Mathews	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Hans Irvine	*Tellers.*		
Mr. W. H. Irvine	Mr. Archer		
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Hume Cook		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 26th August next.

6. Municipal Rates—Payment of, by Commonwealth.—Mr. Kelly moved, pursuant to notice, That this House, following the practice of the House of Commons, is of opinion, in view of the unequal distribution of Federal properties in the various municipalities of Australia, that the Commonwealth should grant yearly to each municipality, as an act of grace, an amount equal to the municipal rates and taxes which it would have to pay were it not exempt from taxation under the Constitution.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Atkinson moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 12th August next.

7. Ministries.—Election by Parliament.—Mr. Chanter moved, pursuant to notice—

(1) That, in the best interests of a forward progressive Australian policy, this House resolves that, in the future, Parliament should elect its Ministry.

(2) That this resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor-General.

Mr. Chanter, not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 19th August next.

8. Message from the Senate.—The late Honorable Sir F. W. Holder, K.C.M.G.—The Speaker.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

Mr. Speaker, *Message No.* 4.

The Senate transmits to the House of Representatives the following Resolution, passed by the Senate on Wednesday, 28th instant :—The Parliament records its high appreciation of the many and eminent services rendered to the Commonwealth by the late Sir Frederick Holder, particularly during his tenure of the arduous office of Speaker from its first assembling until his decease on Friday last. Inspired by a lofty conception of the duties of his office, he presided over the House of Representatives with conspicuous ability, firmness and impartiality. An unsparing devotion to administrative duties was associated with a personal courtesy which endeared him to Members and Officers of the House. The founding of a National Library has been among the most important of his special interests. All citizens of Australia will concur in tendering their profound sympathy to the bereaved wife and family of a most distinguished Australian, whose loss is deeply felt by the whole community.

A. J. Gould,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 29th July, 1909.

9. Privilege—Record in Votes and Proceedings of 28th July, 1909.—Mr. Mahon moved, That the Votes and Proceedings of the House of Representatives, page 62, dated 28th July, 1909, be amended by the omission of the following entries :—

"And the numbers being equal the Clerk stated that he would not take the responsibility of stopping the debate, and therefore gave a casting vote with the Noes—

"And a point of order being raised that the Clerk could not vote, the Clerk, as Chairman, ruled that if he had not a casting vote as Chairman, nevertheless the motion for adjournment, not having received a majority of votes, had not been agreed to."

Debate ensued.
Question—put.
The House divided—

Ayes, 20.		Noes, 32.	
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Archer	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Batchelor	Mr. O'Malley	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Liddell
Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. Page	Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Carr	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Coon	Mr. Reid
Mr. Catts	Mr. Roberts	Mr. Crouch	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Thomas	Mr. Deakin	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Foster	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Bruce Smith
Mr. Frazer		Sir John Forrest	Mr. Dugald Thomson
Mr. Hall	*Tellers.*	Mr. Fowler	Mr. John Thomson
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Wilks
Mr. Mahon	Mr. Webster	Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. Willis
		Mr. Glynn	Mr. Wilson
		Mr. Groom	Mr. Wynne
		Mr. Harper	
		Mr. Hedges	*Tellers.*
		Mr. Hans Irvine	Mr. Hume Cook
		Mr. W. H. Irvine	Mr. Kelly

And so it passed in the negative.

10. Old-age Pensions Appropriation Bill (1909).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill, Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.
On the motion of Sir John Forrest the House adopted the Report.
Sir John Forrest moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

11. Adjournment.—Sir John Forrest moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at four minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chapman*, Sir Thomas Ewing, Colonel Foxton*, Mr. Knox, and Mr. Watson*.

* On leave.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 30TH JULY, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPER.—Mr. Groom presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

   Stripper Harvesters and Drills—Report from the Royal Commission on, together with Proceedings, Minutes of Evidence, and Appendices.

   Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

3. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. O'Malley rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The attempt of the Banking Corporations to destroy the Commonwealth revenue by charging exchange on Postal Notes and Post Office Orders."

   Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—

   Mr. O'Malley moved, That the House do now adjourn.

   Debate ensued.

   It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 119, and the Orders of the Day were called on.

4. NORTHERN TERRITORY ACCEPTANCE BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

   Mr. McDonald moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

   Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

   Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 2 be postponed until after the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 3 and 4.

6. AUDIT BILL (1909).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 3—

   Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.

   Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.

   And thereupon the said resolution was read, and is as follows:—

   Resolved—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the Audit Acts 1901-1906.

   And the said resolution was adopted by the House.

7. AUDIT BILL (1909).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.
On the motion of Sir John Forrest the House adopted the Report.
Sir John Forrest moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the consideration of the remaining business be postponed until after the consideration of Notice of Motion No. 2.

9. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (1909).—Mr. Glynn moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act* 1904.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Glynn then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act* 1904,'" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—OLD-AGE PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL (1909).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 5.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of One million pounds for Invalid and Old-age Pensions,*" to which it has agreed without amendment.

A. J. GOULD,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 30th July, 1909.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put.
The House divided—

Ayes, 13.		Noes, 6.	
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Storrer	Mr. Frazer	*Tellers.*
Mr. Coon	Mr. John Thomson	Mr. McDougall	
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Wilks	Mr. Page	Mr. Mahon
Sir John Forrest		Mr. Watkins	Mr. Webster
Mr. Groom			
Mr. Liddell	*Tellers.*		
Mr. Mauger	Mr. Hume Cook		
Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Crouch		

And it appearing on the report by the Tellers that a quorum of Members of the House was not present, the Speaker, thereupon, at seventeen minutes to five o'clock p.m. adjourned the House until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bowden, Mr. Tilley Brown, Mr. Chapman*, Sir Thomas Ewing, Colonel Foxton*, Mr. Knox, Mr. Livingston, Mr. McWilliams, Sir John Quick, Mr. Spence, and Mr. Watson*.

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No. 28.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 3RD AUGUST, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIES PRESERVATION BILL (1909).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 6.*

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Australian Industries Preservation Acts* 1906–7'", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

A. J. GOULD,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 30th July, 1909.

3. AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIES PRESERVATION BILL (1909).—Mr. Glynn moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Australian Industries Preservation Acts* 1906–7'", be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

4. THE LATE HONORABLE SIR F. W. HOLDER, K.C.M.G.—THE SPEAKER.—Mr. Deakin announced to the House that he had received the following letter from Lady Holder :—

"Wavertree," Kent-town,
31st July.

To the Prime Minister,
House of Representatives,
The Honorable Alfred Deakin.

DEAR SIR,—

Will you convey to the Government and Parliament of the Commonwealth the thanks of myself and family for the Resolution forwarded by you, for the beautiful wreaths from the Government and Parliament, and for the State funeral arranged to do honor to my late husband.

He gave of his best to "his God, his country, and his home," and he will ever live in the affection of all who have known him, which is the best heritage one can have.

Again thanking you all,
I am, dear Sir,
Yours sincerely,
J. M. HOLDER.

5. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—COINAGE BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

DUDLEY,
Governor-General. *Message No. 5.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act relating to Currency, Coinage, and Legal Tender.

30th July, 1909.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

6. Adjournment—Motion for Purpose of Discussion.—Mr. Hughes rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The failure of the Government to afford the House an opportunity of expressing its views on the question of Defence of Australia and the Empire to be discussed at the Imperial Defence Conference, or to supply it with information as to the instructions given to Colonel Foxton, representative of the Commonwealth to the Defence Conference."

Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—

Mr. Hughes moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 119, and the Orders of the Day were called on.

7. Bureau of Agriculture Bill.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Hughes moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

8. Bills of Exchange Bill.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Glynn moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. O'Malley moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

9. Norfolk Island Bill.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Maloney moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

10. Conciliation and Arbitration Bill (1909).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Glynn moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Hughes moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

11. Papers.—Mr. Joseph Cook presented, pursuant to Statute—

Defence Acts—Naval Forces—

Regulations Nos. 106, 109 Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 90.

Financial and Allowance Regulations—No. 99 Added (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 91.

Mr. Fuller presented, pursuant to Statute—

Public Service Act—

Temporary Employés—Return for year 1908–9.

Regulation No. 171 Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 89.

12. Telegraph [Emergency] Bill.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Sir John Quick moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Thomas moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

13. Adjournment.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at half-past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bowden, Mr. Chapman*, Sir Thomas Ewing, Mr. Foster, Colonel Foxton*, Mr. Knox, Mr. Mahon, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Watson*, and Mr. Wilson.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH AUGUST, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPER.—Mr. Groom presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Navigation Bill—Reply (dated 18th June, 1909) by Prime Minister to telegram of 9th January and despatch of 12th February from the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

3. LIBRARY COMMITTEE.—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice, That Mr. Sampson be appointed a member of the Library Committee.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Storrer moved, as an amendment, That the name "Mr. Sampson" be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the name "Mr. Wise."

Debate continued.

Question—That the name proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 37.		Noes, 24.	
Mr. Archer	Mr. Livingston	Mr. Bamford	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Batchelor	Mr. Page
Mr. Tilley Brown	Mr. Mauger	Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Carr	Mr. Spence
Mr. Coon	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Catts	Mr. Storrer
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Chanter	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Edwards	Sir John Quick	Mr. Fisher	Mr. John Thomson
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Reid	Mr. Foster	Mr. Watkins
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Webster
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Bruce Smith	Mr. Hutchison	
Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. Dugald Thomson	Sir William Lyne	*Tellers.*
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Wilks	Mr. Maloney	Mr. Hall
Mr. Groom	Mr. Willis	Mr. McDougall	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Harper	Mr. Wilson		
Mr. Hedges	Mr. Wynne		
Mr. Hans Irvine			
Mr. W. H. Irvine	*Tellers.*		
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Hume Cook		
Mr. Kelly	Mr. Crouch		
Mr. Liddell			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate on original motion continued.

Question—That Mr. Sampson be appointed a member of the Library Committee—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 38.		Noes, 22.	
Mr. Archer	Mr. Liddell	Mr. Bamford	Mr. McDougall
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Livingston	Mr. Batchelor	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mauger	Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. Page
Mr. Tilley Brown	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Carr	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Catts	Mr. Spence
Mr. Coon	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Chanter	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Deakin	Sir John Quick	Mr. Fisher	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Edwards	Mr. Reid	Mr. Foster	Mr. Webster
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Hughes	
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Bruce Smith	Mr. Hutchison	*Tellers.*
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Dugald Thomson	Sir William Lyne	Mr. Hall
Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. John Thomson	Mr. Maloney	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Wilks		
Mr. Groom	Mr. Willis		
Mr. Harper	Mr. Wilson		
Mr. Hedges	Mr. Wynne		
Mr. Hans Irvine			
Mr. W. H. Irvine	*Tellers.*		
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Hume Cook		
Mr. Kelly	Mr. Crouch		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

4. Defence Bill (1909).—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Naval and Military Defence.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. Coinage Bill.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 5—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.
Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.
And thereupon the said resolution was read, and is as follows:—

Resolved—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act relating to Currency, Coinage, and Legal Tender.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.
Sir John Forrest, pursuant to leave given on the 20th ultimo, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Currency, Coinage, and Legal Tender,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered, after debate—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

6. Northern Territory Acceptance Bill.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Willis moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

7. Postponement of Order of the Day.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 3 be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 4.

8. Bills of Exchange Bill.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

9. Adjournment.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at two minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chapman*, Sir Thomas Ewing, Colonel Foxton*, Mr. Knox, Mr. Mahon, and Mr. Watson*.

* On leave.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 30.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 5TH AUGUST, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.—The following Warrant, nominating a Temporary Chairman of Committees to act in the place of the Honorable C. Carty Salmon, elected Speaker, was laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker pursuant to Standing Order No. 25 :—

The Parliament of the Commonwealth.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order numbered 25, I do hereby nominate—

The Honorable Richard Armstrong Crouch

to act in the place of the Honorable Charles Carty Salmon as a Temporary Chairman of Committees when requested so to do by the Chairman of Committees.

Given under my hand this fifth day of August, One thousand nine hundred and nine.

C. CARTY SALMON,
Speaker.

3. PRINTING COMMITTEE—SECOND REPORT FROM.—Sir John Quick, Chairman, brought up the Second Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate).

The Report was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the undermentioned Petition and Papers presented to Parliament, make the following recommendations :—

Subject of Paper.	Recommendation of Committee.	Remarks.
Petition—		
From R. L. Moore, Lithgow, praying House to consider question of compensation for negligence of postal official in regard to a prepaid telegram	No recommendation	
Papers—		
Defence—		
Extracts from Report of Major-General Hoad in connexion with Tour of Duty in the United Kingdom and the United States of America	To be printed	
Imperial General Staff—Correspondence *re* proposed formation of	,,	
Small Arms Factory—*Précis* of proceedings *re* tenders for machinery	,,	
Defence Department—Ownership of Horses, &c., for Military purposes—Report	,,	

REPORT—*continued.*

Subject of Paper.	Recommendation of Committee.	Remarks.
Papers—*continued.*		
Defence Acts—Statutory Rules 1909, Nos. 74, 75, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 90, 91	No recommendation	Already in print and circulated to Members
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at Port Kembla	,,	Published in *Gazette*
Lord Kitchener—Invitation to visit Australia ...	To be printed	
Mails, European—Detention in Melbourne before transmission to Tasmania	,,	
Papua—		
Ordinance of 1909—Native Regulation ...	,,	
Report on Progress of the Territory, by the Hon. Staniforth Smith (dated 12th June, 1909)	No recommendation	
Post and Telegraph Act—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 87	,,	Already in print and circulated to Members
Public Service Act—		
Promotion of E. Broad—Postmaster-General's Department	,,	
Temporary Employés—Return for 1908-9 ...	,,	
Statutory Rules 1909, No. 89	,,	Already in print and circulated to Members
Quarantine Act—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 73	,,	,, ,,
Uniform Clothing for Commonwealth Services, and the establishment of a Government Clothing Factory	To be printed	

The Joint Committee have informally considered the question of the printing of cross-headings in the reprints of Parliamentary Debates for the use of Members, but finding that the matter is beyond the powers of the Committee as defined in the Standing Orders, have resolved to take no action unless on a special reference of the question to the Committee by the respective Houses.

Committee Room,
5th August, 1909.

JOHN QUICK,
Chairman.

Ordered, after debate—That the Report be printed.

4. REPRINTS OF MEMBERS' SPEECHES—CROSS-HEADINGS.—Mr. Deakin moved, by leave, That the Printing Committee, in conjunction with the Printing Committee of the Senate, have power to draw up rules in regard to the headings in reprints of speeches from *Hansard* supplied to honorable Members at their own expense.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Mauger moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "That" be omitted from the motion with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof "the only reprints permitted be an exact reproduction of *Hansard*."

Debate continued.

Mr. Speaker ruling that Mr. Webster was out of order because he was reading, from a newspaper, matter reflecting on honorable Members personally—

Mr. Webster took objection in writing to the ruling, and motion being made to dissent from the ruling—

The debate thereon was forthwith adjourned to the next sitting day.

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed by Mr. Mauger to be omitted, stand part of the question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 30.		Noes, 31.	
Mr. Bamford	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Archer	Mr. Mauger
Mr. Batchelor	Mr. McDougall	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. O'Malley	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Carr	Mr. Page	Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Catts	Mr. Roberts	Mr. Crouch	Sir John Quick
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Spence	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Reid
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Storrer	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Thomas	Mr. Glynn	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Foster	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Groom	Mr. Dugald Thomson
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Webster	**Mr. Harper**	Mr. John Thomson
Mr. Frazer	Mr. Willis	**Mr. Hedges**	Mr. Wilks
Mr. Hall	Mr. Wise	**Mr. W. H. Irvine**	Mr. Wynne
Mr. Hughes		Mr. Johnson	
Mr. Hutchison	*Tellers.*	Mr. Kelly	*Tellers.*
Sir William Lyne	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Liddell	Mr. Hume Cook
Mr. Mahon	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Livingston	Mr. Wilson
		Mr. Maloney	

And so it was passed in the negative.

Question—That the words proposed by Mr. Mauger to be inserted in place of the words omitted, be so inserted—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 32.		Noes, 30.	
Mr. Archer	Mr. Maloney	Mr. Bamford	Mr. McDougall
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mauger	Mr. Batchelor	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. Page
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Carr	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Deakin	Sir John Quick	Mr. Catts	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Reid	Mr. Chanter	Mr. Spence
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Fisher	Mr. Storrer
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Foster	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Dugald Thomson	Mr. Fowler	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Groom	Mr. John Thomson	Mr. Frazer	Mr. Webster
Mr. Harper	Mr. Wilks	Mr. Hall	Mr. Willis
Mr. Hedges	Mr. Wilson	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Wise
Mr. W. H. Irvine	Mr. Wynne	Sir William Lyne	
Mr. Johnson		Mr. Mahon	*Tellers.*
Mr. Kelly	*Tellers.*	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. Liddell	Mr. Bowden	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Livingston	Mr. Hume Cook		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Hutchison moved, as a further amendment, That the following words be added to the motion as amended—"but speeches already ordered by Members, with cross-headings, shall be printed and delivered."

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Crouch moved, as a further amendment, That the following words be added to the motion as amended "such cross-headings to be inoffensive in the opinion of the Printing Committee."

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker ruled the proposed amendment out of order, after the decision just arrived at by the House.

Mr. Catts moved, as a further amendment, That the following words be added to the motion as amended—"That the practice laid down by Sir Edmund Barton governing reprints of Members' *Hansard* speeches be adhered to."

Mr. Speaker ruled the proposed amendment out of order, as it amounted to a direct contradiction to the decision already arrived at by the House.

Mr. Bamford moved, as a further amendment, That the following words be added to the motion as amended—"and further that honorable Members who desire their speeches reprinted may have the loan of the stereotype blocks or matrices from the Government Printing Office so that their speeches may be printed wherever Members desire."

Debate continued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question—That the only reprints permitted be an exact reproduction of *Hansard*, but speeches already ordered by Members, with cross-headings, shall be printed and delivered—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. Paper.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Premiers' Conference (Melbourne), 1909—Correspondence between the Prime Minister and the Premier of New South Wales (22nd June to 26th July, 1909).

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Deakin moved, That the paper be printed.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. Postponement of General Business.—Ordered—That the consideration of Notices of Motion be postponed as follow:—No. 1 until Thursday, 7th October next; Nos. 2 and 3 until Thursday next; and that the consideration of the Orders of the day, General Business, be postponed until Thursday, 2nd September next.

7. Adjournment.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-two minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chapman*, Sir Thomas Ewing, Colonel Foxton*, Mr. Knox, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Watson*.

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No. 31.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 6TH AUGUST, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PRIVILEGE.—DISSENT FROM SPEAKER'S RULING.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the motion, of which notice had been given at the last sitting, to dissent from a ruling of Mr. Speaker—Mr. Webster moved, That this House dissents from the ruling of Mr. Speaker, that an honorable Member is not entitled to read, from a newspaper, matter reflecting on honorable Members personally.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

3. COINAGE BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. HIGH COMMISSIONER BILL.—Mr. Groom, pursuant to leave given on 20th ultimo, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide for the office of High Commissioner of the Commonwealth in the United Kingdom,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirteen minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Tilley Brown, Mr. Chapman*, Mr. Edwards, Sir Thomas Ewing, Colonel Foxton*, Mr. Hans Irvine, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Watson*.

* On leave.

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No. 32.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 10TH AUGUST, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPERS.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Federal Capital—Proposed Site at Yass-Canberra—Further papers respecting the selection of Territory and proposed site for the City.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to Statute—

Customs Act—Regulation No. 101 Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1909, N o.94.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

Post Offices and Telephone Charges in Suburbs of Sydney and Melbourne [and other State Capitals]—Particulars as to—Return to an Order of the House, dated 1st October, 1908.

3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

DUDLEY,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 6.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of One Million pounds for Invalid and Old-age Pensions,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

4th August, 1909.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL (1909).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 7.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act* 1908,'" to which it has agreed with the amendments indicated in the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

A. J. GOULD,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 6th August, 1909.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith in Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, this day, at a later hour, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. Coinage Bill.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same with amendments.

Ordered—That the consideration of the Report be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

6. Invalid and Old-age Pensions Bill (1909)—Senate's Amendments.—The Order of the day having been read for the further consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendments made by the Senate in this Bill—

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight—

WEDNESDAY, 11th AUGUST, 1909.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had agreed to the Amendments, which are as follow :—

Schedule of Amendments made by the Senate.

No. 1.—Page 2, clause 7, line 27, before "Registrar" (and inside inverted commas), insert "the".

No. 2.—Page 3, clause 11, lines 1, 2, and 3, leave out "the omission of the words in sub-section (1.) 'Asiatics (except those born in Australia), or' and".

No. 3.—Page 4, after clause 15, insert the following new clause :—

15A. After clause thirty-eight of the Principal Act the following clause is inserted :— Powers of Magistrates.

38A.—(1.) Every Magistrate may, for the purposes of any investigation or inquiry under this Act—

(*a*) summon witnesses;
(*b*) receive evidence on oath; and
(*c*) require the production of documents.

(2.) No person who has been summoned to appear as a witness before a Magistrate shall, without lawful excuse, and after tender of reasonable expenses, fail to appear in answer to the summons.

Penalty: Twenty pounds.

(3.) No person who appears before a Magistrate as a witness shall, without lawful excuse, refuse to be sworn, or to make an affirmation, or to produce documents, or to answer questions which he is lawfully required to answer.

Penalty: Fifty pounds.

No. 4.—Page 4, clause 16, section 39, sub-section (1.), leave out "Pensions shall be payable in instalments, which shall be payable fortnightly", insert "Pensions shall be paid in fortnightly instalments."

No. 5.—Page 4, clause 16, section 39, sub-section (3.), leave out "In order to ascertain the amount of an instalment of a pension covering a period of less than a fortnight the amount of the instalment for a fortnight shall be multiplied by the number of days in the period and the product divided by fourteen", insert "The instalment of a pension covering a period of less than a fortnight shall be in proportion to the number of days of a fortnight."

On the motion of Sir John Forrest the House adopted the Report.

7. Adjournment.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-nine minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at half-past two o'clock p.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chapman*, Mr. Edwards, Sir Thomas Ewing, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Fisher, Colonel Foxton*, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Knox, Mr. Page, Mr. Watson*, and Mr. Willis.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH AUGUST, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PETITION.—Mr. Wilks presented a Petition from certain officers of the Commonwealth Public Service, resident and employed in all the States, praying that an Act may be passed to establish a fund, to be contributed to by officers, for the payment of an allowance to an officer upon his compulsory retirement from the service and to his widow and children after his death.
Petition received and read.

3. GENERAL POST OFFICE AND PROPOSED PURCHASE OF MARKETS, SYDNEY.—Mr. Chanter moved, pursuant to notice, That copies of all papers and other documents in connexion with the proposed additions to the General Post Office, Sydney, be laid on the Table of this House; also copies of all papers relating to the proposed purchase of the Sydney Markets.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. COINAGE BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole House on this Bill—Sir John Forrest moved, That the Report be now adopted.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
On the motion of Sir John Forrest the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the third reading to be moved this day.
Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

5. HIGH COMMISSIONER BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Hughes moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

6. NORTHERN TERRITORY ACCEPTANCE BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—Debate resumed.
Mr. Poynton addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until after the consideration of the Notice of Motion.

8. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT [PREMIERS' CONFERENCE].—Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Deakin, That upon its rising for this week the House adjourn until Wednesday, 25th instant.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Thomas addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirty-two minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Tilley Brown, Mr. Chapman*, Mr. Edwards, Sir Thomas Ewing, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Fisher, Colonel Foxton*, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Hans Irvine, Mr. Knox, Mr. Page, and Mr. Watson*.

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No. 34.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 12TH AUGUST, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPERS.—Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to Statute—

Census and Statistics Act—Official Bulletins—
Trade, Shipping, Oversea Migration, and Finance, No. 29, May, 1909.
Social Statistics—Statistics as to Education, Hospitals and Charities, and Law and Crime for the year 1907, No. 1.

3. POSTPONEMENT OF GENERAL BUSINESS.—Ordered, That the consideration of General Business be postponed as follows:—The Order of the Day until Thursday, 26th instant, Notice of Motion No, 1 until to-morrow, and that Notice of Motion No. 2 be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 9th September next.

4. POST AND TELEGRAPH BILL (1909).—Mr. Mauger moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Post and Telegraph Act* 1901.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT [PREMIERS' CONFERENCE].—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Groom:—That upon its rising for this week the House adjourn until Wednesday, 25th instant—
Debate resumed.
Question—put.
The House divided—

Ayes, 31.		Noes, 24.	
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mauger	Mr. Bamford	Mr. McDougall
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Batchelor	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Coon	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Carr	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Crouch	Sir John Quick	Mr. Catts	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Reid	Mr. Chanter	Mr. Spence
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Foster	Mr. Storrer
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Frazer	Mr. Thomas
Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. Bruce Smith	Mr. Hall	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Dugald Thomson	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Webster
Mr. Groom	Mr. John Thomson	Sir William Lyne	
Mr. Hedges	Mr. Wilson	Mr. Mahon	*Tellers.*
Mr. Hans Irvine	Mr. Wynne	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. W. H. Irvine		Mr. McDonald	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Johnson	*Tellers.*		
Mr. Kelly	Mr. Hume Cook		
Mr. Liddell	Mr. Wilks		
Mr. Livingston			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 and 3 be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 4.

7. NORTHERN TERRITORY ACCEPTANCE BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Palmer moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for this day, at a later hour.

8. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ESTIMATES, 1909–10.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

DUDLEY,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 7.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and ten, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.
9th August, 1909.

DUDLEY,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 8.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and ten, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.
9th August, 1909.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply.

9. POST AND TELEGRAPH BILL (1909).—Mr. Mauger, pursuant to leave given this day, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Post and Telegraph Act* 1901'", and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 26th instant.

10. SUPPLY [BUDGET STATEMENT].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

11. PAPER.—Sir John Forrest presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
The Budget, 1909–10—Papers prepared by the Right Honorable Sir John Forrest, P.C., G.C.M.G., for the information of honorable Members on the occasion of opening the Budget of 1909–10.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

12. NORTHERN TERRITORY ACCEPTANCE BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Mathews moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at ten minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except— Mr. Archer, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Tilley Brown, Mr. Chapman*, Mr. Edwards, Sir Thomas Ewing, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Fisher, Colonel Foxton*, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Knox, Mr. Page, and Mr. Watson*.

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No. 35.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 13TH AUGUST, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. SUPPLY [BUDGET DEBATE].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, at its next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—AUDIT BILL (1909).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 9.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Audit Acts* 1901–1906'" to which it has agreed with the amendment indicated in the annexed Schedule, in which amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

A. J. GOULD,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 13th August, 1909.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith.
And the said amendment was read and is as follows :—

Clause 2, line 12, after "incurred" insert "or is intended to be incurred".

On the motion of Mr. Deakin the House, after debate, agreed to the said amendment.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—POST AND TELEGRAPH [RECORDING MACHINES] BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 8.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Post and Telegraph Act* 1901'", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

A. J. GOULD,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 13th August, 1909.

5. POST AND TELEGRAPH [RECORDING MACHINES] BILL.—Sir John Quick moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, ntituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Post and Telegraph Act* 1901'", be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

6. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—HIGH COMMISSIONER BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

DUDLEY,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 9.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the Office of High Commissioner of the Commonwealth in the United Kingdom.

4th August, 1909.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

7. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—NORTHERN TERRITORY ACCEPTANCE BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

DUDLEY,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 10.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the Acceptance of the Northern Territory as a Territory under the Authority of the Commonwealth and for the carrying out of the Agreement for the Surrender and Acceptance.

4th August, 1909.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at five minutes past three o'clock p.m., adjourned (in accordance with the order made yesterday by the House) until Wednesday, 25th instant, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Archer, Mr. Tilley Brown, Mr. Chapman*, Mr. Edwards, Sir Thomas Ewing, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Fisher, Colonel Foxton*, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Knox, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Page, Mr. Storrer, Mr. Watson*, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Wilks.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WEDNESDAY, 25TH AUGUST, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. TRANSMISSION OF ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—Mr. Speaker reported to the House that he had forwarded the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech on the Opening of Parliament, agreed to by the House on the 20th ultimo, and that he had received the following reply from His Excellency :—

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN,

It is with great pleasure that I receive from you the Address adopted by the House of Representatives in reply to the Speech delivered by me on the occasion of the opening of the Fourth Session of the Third Commonwealth Parliament ; and it affords me very great pleasure to notice the expressions of continued loyalty to the Throne and Person of His Majesty the King.

DUDLEY.

3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

DUDLEY,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 11.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act* 1908'", as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

13th August, 1909.

4. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

DUDLEY,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 12.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Audit Acts* 1901–1906", as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

20th August, 1909.

5. PAPERS.—Mr. Fuller presented, pursuant to Statute—

Public Service Act—Home Affairs Department—Public Service Commissioner's Office—Promotions of—

W. J. Skewes, as Secretary, 1st Class, and W. J. Clemens, as Registrar, 2nd Class.
A. E. Hutchison, Clerk, 4th Class (increase of salary).

Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to Statute—

Papua.—Ordinances of 1909—
No. 3.—Supplementary Appropriation 1908-09, No. 7.
No. 7.—Supplementary Appropriation 1908-09, No. 8.
No. 14.—Jury Ordinance Amendment.
No. 17.—Supplementary Appropriation 1908-09, No. 9.
No. 18.—Gold Buyers'.
No. 19.—Rice.

6. SUPPLY [BUDGET DEBATE AND WORKS ESTIMATES].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. PAPERS.—Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to Statute—

Papua.—Ordinances of 1909—
No. 9.—Amendments Incorporation.
No. 13.—Wild Birds.
No. 16.—Hawkers and Pedlers Repeal.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at nineteen minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Archer, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Tilley Brown, Mr. Catts, Mr. Chapman*, Colonel Foxton*, Mr. Hans Irvine, Mr. Knox, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McDougall, Sir John Quick, Mr. Watson*, Mr. Webster, Mr. Wilks, and Mr. Willis.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 26TH AUGUST, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPERS.—Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to Statute—

Manufactures Encouragement Act—Return of Bounty paid during year 1908–9.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

Postmaster-General's Department—Yearly Expenditure and Revenue Statements—Year 1907—Return to an Order of the House, dated 1st April, 1908.

Ordered to be printed.

3. MONOPOLIES—FEDERAL CONTROL OF.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Hall :—That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable to so amend the Commonwealth Constitution as to confer upon the Federal Parliament power to own and control monopolies—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Spence addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 30th September next.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the remaining Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Thursday, 9th September next.

5. TARIFF—PERMANENT BOARD RE.—Mr. Mauger moved, pursuant to notice, That, with a view to securing the most accurate information for Parliament in relation to anomalies in the present Tariff—the continuous watching of the operations of the Tariff as to preference, and questions relating to the effect of duties on industries—the relationship of duties on raw material to the manufactured article—the inauguration and encouragement of new industries, or the development of natural resources for manufacturing and agricultural purposes, a permanent competent body on the lines of the British Board of Trade, which shall include representatives of the principal staple interests affected by Customs Tariff Acts, should be at once appointed by the Government.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Johnson addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 9th September next.

6. LEGITIMATION OF CHILDREN BILL.—Mr. Maloney moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act for the Legitimation of Children by Registration.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. SUPPLY ["GRIEVANCE DAY"].—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—
Question proposed—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative

And then the House, at fourteen minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Archer, Mr. Catts, Mr. Chapman*, Colonel Foxton*, Mr. Knox, Mr. Watson*, Mr. Webster, Mr. Wilks, and Mr. Willis.

* On leave.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 27TH AUGUST, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. SUPPLY [WORKS ESTIMATES].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.
   Mr. McDonald also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
   Resolved—That the House will, at its next meeting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

3. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Sir John Forrest moved, by leave, That the Standing Orders be suspended in order to enable all steps to be taken to pass the Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1909–10 through all its stages without delay.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and is as follows :—

   ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1909–10.

   Resolved—That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1909–10, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.; a sum not exceeding £1,054,124.

   And the said resolution was adopted by the House.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 14 inclusive be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 15.

6. WAYS AND MEANS [WORKS ESTIMATES].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.
   Mr. McDonald also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
   Resolved—That the House will, at its next meeting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.—The resolution reported from the Committee of Ways and Means was read, and is as follows :—

   ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1909–10.

   Resolved—That towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty for Additions New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year 1909–10, a sum not exceeding One million fifty-four thousand one hundred and twenty-four pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

   And the said resolution was adopted by the House.
   Ordered—That Sir John Forrest and Mr. Glynn do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

8. Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1909-10.—Sir John Forrest then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and ten for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.
On the motion of Sir John Forrest the House adopted the Report.
Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

9. Message from the Senate.—Coinage Bill.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

Mr. Speaker, *Message No.* 10.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Currency, Coinage, and Legal Tender,*" to which it has agreed with the amendments indicated in the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

A. J. Gould,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 27th August, 1909.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

10. Adjournment.—Sir John Forrest moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at six minutes to five o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Archer, Mr. Catts, Mr. Chapman*, Mr. Fairbairn, Colonel Foxton*, Mr. Knox, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Watson*, Mr. Webster, Mr. Wilks, and Mr. Willis.

* On leave.

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No. 39.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 31ST AUGUST, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER OATH TO MEMBERS.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received from His Excellency the Governor-General the following Commission :—

By His Excellency the Right Honorable WILLIAM HUMBLE, EARL OF DUDLEY, *a Member of His Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth of Australia :*

The Honorable CHARLES CARTY SALMON, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia.

Greeting :

WHEREAS by the forty-second section of the Constitution of The Commonwealth of Australia it is enacted that every Member of the House of Representatives shall, before taking his seat, make and subscribe before the Governor-General, or some person authorized by him, an Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance in the form set forth in the Schedule to the aforesaid Constitution :

Now therefore I, the Governor-General aforesaid, do by these Presents command and authorize you from time to time in the Parliament House of the Commonwealth in the City of Melbourne to administer the said Oath to such Members of the House of Representatives as have not already taken and subscribed the same since their election to the said House of Representatives.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth of Australia, at Melbourne, this thirtieth day of August, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and nine.

(L.S.) DUDLEY,
Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,

ALFRED DEAKIN.

3. PAPERS.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Dry Farming—Report by Senator J. H. McColl of Proceedings at Third Trans-Missouri Dry Farming Congress, Cheyenne, Wyoming, February, 1909 ; and further investigations in America.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Joseph Cook presented, pursuant to Statute—

Defence Acts—Military Forces—Regulations Amended (Provisional)—
No. 2A Added—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 97.
Nos. 18, 141, 144, 160, 161, 163—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 98.

Mr. Fuller presented, pursuant to Statute—

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at—
Baulkham Hills, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.
Baulkham Hills, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.
Baulkham Hills, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.

Public Service Act—Home Affairs Department—Public Service Inspector's Office, Melbourne—Promotion of E. J. Marquard, as clerk, 3rd class (transferred from Postmaster-General's Department, Victoria).

4. PUBLIC SERVANTS RECEIVING LESS THAN £110 PER ANNUM.—Mr. Tudor moved, pursuant to notice, That a Return be laid upon the Table showing—

(1) The number of { (*a*) Males / (*b*) Females } permanently employed in the Commonwealth Public Service who are receiving less than the minimum wage of £110 per annum.

(2) (*a*) The ages of these employés.
(*b*) The wages they receive.

(3) How long they have been employed by the Commonwealth, and, where possible, the length of their service in the State previous to transfer.

(4) How long they will have to wait before they get the minimum wage.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. COINAGE BILL—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendments made by the Senate in this Bill—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Johnson reported that the Committee had agreed to the amendments, which are as follow :—

SCHEDULE OF AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

No. 1.—Page 1, clause 4, sub-clause (1.), line 16, leave out "or nickel".

No. 2.—Page 1, clause 4, sub-clause (1.), line 16, leave out "dimensions, designs, and".

No. 3.—Page 1, clause 4, sub-clause (2.), line 18, after "All" insert "silver and bronze".

No. 4.—Page 2, clause 4, leave out sub-clause (3.).

No. 5.—Page 2, clause 4, sub-clause (4.), line 6, after "of" insert "silver and bronze".

No. 6.—Page 2, clause 4, at end of clause add the following new sub-clause :—

"(4A.) The Treasurer may cause to be made and issued nickel coins of the denominations, weight, and fineness specified in any proclamation under this Act."

No. 7.—Page 2, clause 8, sub-clause (1.), paragraph (*a*), line 45, leave out "dimension" insert "dimensions".

No. 8.—Page 2, clause 8, sub-clause (1.), after paragraph (*a*) insert the following new paragraph :—

"(*aa*) Determine the denominations, weight, and fineness of any Australian nickel coin, and the amount of remedy allowance to be allowed in the making thereof;".

On the motion of Sir John Forrest the House adopted the Report.

6. SUPPLY [BUDGET DEBATE].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Crouch reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at a quarter to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Catts, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Fairbairn, Colonel Foxton, Mr. Hall, Mr. Knox, Mr. McDougall, Mr. Reid, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Willis.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 1st SEPTEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. Supply [Budget Debate, and Estimates].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Johnson reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

3. Message from the Senate.—Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1909–10.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

Message No. 11.

Mr. Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and ten for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.,*" to which it has agreed without amendment.

A. J. Gould,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 1st September, 1909.

4. Message from the Senate.—Patents Bill (1909).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

Message No. 12.

Mr. Speaker,

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Patents Act* 1903'", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

A. J. Gould,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 1st September, 1909.

5. Patents Bill (1909).—Mr. Glynn moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Patents Act* 1903'", be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

6. Message from the Senate.—Lighthouses Bill.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

Message No. 13.

Mr. Speaker,

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act relating to Lighthouses, Lightships, Beacons, and Buoys,*" and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

A. J. Gould,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 1st September, 1909.

7. Lighthouses Bill.—Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Lighthouses, Lightships, Beacons, and Buoys,*" be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Chapman, Colonel Foxton, Mr. Knox, Mr. Reid, Mr. Storrer, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Willis.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 2ND SEPTEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PRINTING COMMITTEE—THIRD REPORT FROM.—Mr. Edwards, for the Chairman, brought up the Third Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate).

The Report was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the undermentioned Petition and Papers presented to Parliament, make the following recommendations :—

Subject of Paper.	Recommendation of Committee.	Remarks.
Petition—		
Pension Fund—From certain officers of the Commonwealth Public Service praying that an Act may be passed to establish a fund, &c.	To be printed	
Papers—		
Census and Statistics Act—Official Bulletins—		
Trade, Shipping, Oversea Migration, and Finance—No. 29	No recommendation	Already in print
Social Statistics — Education, Hospitals and Charities, and Law and Crime for year 1907—No. 1	,,	,, ,,
Conciliation and Arbitration—Court of—Number of Days occupied in hearing Industrial Disputes—Return	To be printed	
Customs Act—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 94 ...	No recommendation	Already in print
Defence Acts—Statutory Rules 1909, Nos. 97 and 98	,,	,, ,,
Dry Farming—Report by Senator J. H. McColl of Proceedings at Third Trans-Missouri Dry-Farming Congress, February, 1909, &c.	To be printed	
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at Baulkham Hills (three notifications)	No recommendation	Published in *Gazette*
Manufactures Encouragement Act—Return of Bounty paid during 1908-9	To be printed	

REPORT—*continued.*

Subject of Paper.	Recommendation of Committee.	Remarks.
Papers—*continued.*		
Papua—		
Ordinances of 1909—Nos. 3, 7, 9, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19	To be printed	
Report on Progress of the Territory by the Hon. Staniforth Smith (dated 16th July, 1909)	No recommendation	
Post Offices and Telephone Charges in suburbs of Sydney and Melbourne (and other State Capitals)—Particulars *re*—Return	,,	
Public Service Act—Promotions in cases of W. J. Clemens, A. E. Hutchison, E. J. Marquard, W. J. Skewes	,,	

R. EDWARDS,
For Chairman

Committee Room,
2nd September, 1909.

Mr. Edwards moved, by leave, That the Report be adopted.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

3. PAPER.—Sir John Quick presented, pursuant to Statute—

Post and Telegraph Act—Amendment of General Postal Regulations (Customs Duty) and Postal Regulations (Registration)—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 99.

4. PAPUA AND PACIFIC ISLANDS—REBATE OF DUTY ON IMPORTS FROM.—Mr. Johnson moved, pursuant to notice—

(1) That, with a view to promoting and encouraging British and Australian settlement in Papua and the islands of the Pacific, a rebate of duty or its equivalent for a period of seven years from the date of taking up land for tropical cultivation be allowed to each *bonâ fide* settler on all British and Australian island-grown produce coming into the Commonwealth.

(2) That in any scheme of Commonwealth advertising prominence should be given to the advantages that Papua, New Hebrides, and other groups of islands in the Pacific offer for settlement to families possessing a limited amount of capital.

5. DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.—On the motion of Mr. Deakin, the Honorable Sir Langdon Bonython was provided with a seat on the floor of the House.

6. PAPUA AND PACIFIC ISLANDS—REBATE OF DUTY ON IMPORTS FROM.—The debate (interrupted as above) on this question was resumed.

Mr. Bowden moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 7th October next.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered, That the consideration of Notices of Motion Nos. 2 and 3, General Business, be postponed until Thursday, 16th instant, and that Order of the Day No. 1, General Business, be postponed until Thursday, 7th October next.

8. TARIFF ANOMALIES.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Sir William Lyne:—That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should proceed without delay to introduce a Bill for an Act to remove the anomalies existing in the present Customs and Excise Tariff Acts, and to add such other duties as may be deemed necessary—*and on the amendment moved thereto by Mr. Fairbairn, viz.:*—That all the words after the word "House" be omitted from the motion with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof:—"the Government declaration that 'Consideration is being given to the adjustment of anomalies in the Tariff and any Bill on the subject would, as a matter of course, safeguard the interests of the producers and manufacturers of the Commonwealth. Each anomaly will be dealt with according to its character; the general policy of the existing Tariff being maintained,' is satisfactory"—

Debate resumed.
Mr. Mathews, addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the day for Thursday, 23rd instant.

9. SUPPLY [ESTIMATES].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Crouch reported that the Committee had made progress and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-eight minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Chapman, Colonel Foxton, Mr. Knox, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Storrer, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Willis.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. SUPPLY [ESTIMATES].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Fowler reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (1909) (No. 2).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 14.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act* 1904'", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

A. J. GOULD,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 2nd September, 1909.

4. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (1909) (No. 2).—Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act* 1904'", be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

5. ADJOURNMENT—COUNT OUT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Hume Cook called the attention of Mr. Speaker to the fact that a quorum of Members was not present.
The Bells having been rung, and a quorum not having been obtained within the prescribed time, Mr. Speaker thereupon, at twenty-seven minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned the House until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Tilley Brown, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Foster, Colonel Foxton, Mr. Hall, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Knox, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Reid, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Storrer, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Willis.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPER.—Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to Statute—
Patents Acts—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 96.

3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, after debate, That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 1, 2, and 3 be postponed until after the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 4 and 5.

4. HIGH COMMISSIONER BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Crouch moved, That the question be now put.
Question—That the question be now put—put.
The House divided—

Ayes, 30.		Noes, 21.	
Mr. Archer	Mr. Livingston	Mr. Batchelor	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mauger	Mr. Carr	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Catts	Mr. Spence
Mr. Tilley Brown	Sir John Quick	Mr. Chanter	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Coon	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Fisher	Mr. Webster
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Bruce Smith	Mr. Foster	Mr. Wise
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Storrer	Mr. Frazer	
Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. John Thomson	Mr. Hughes	*Tellers.*
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Willis	Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wilson	Mr. Maloney	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Hedges	Mr. Wynne	Mr. McWilliams	
Mr. Hans Irvine			
Mr. W. H. Irvine	*Tellers.*		
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Hume Cook		
Mr. Liddell	Mr. Crouch		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
And the question being accordingly put—That the Bill be now read a second time—
The House divided—

Ayes, 42.		Noes, 10.	
Mr. Archer	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Catts	Mr. Spence
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Liddell	Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. Webster
Mr. Batchelor	Mr. Livingston	Mr. Hutchison	
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Maloney	Mr. Mathews	*Tellers.*
Mr. Tilley Brown	Mr. Mauger	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Frazer
Mr. Carr	Mr. Palmer	Mr. O'Malley	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Chanter	Sir John Quick		
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Roberts		
Mr. Coon	Mr. Sampson		
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Sinclair		
Sir Thomas Ewing	Mr. Bruce Smith		
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Storrer		
Mr. Fisher	Mr. John Thomson		
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Tudor		
Mr. Foster	Mr. Willis		
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Wilson		
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wynne		
Mr. Hedges			
Mr. Hughes	*Tellers.*		
Mr. Hans Irvine	Mr. Hume Cook		
Mr. W. H. Irvine	Mr. Watkins		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Johnson reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Mr. Groom moved, That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
Debate ensued.

Mr. Crouch moved, That the question be now put.
Question—That the question be now put—put.
The House divided—

Ayes, 30.		Noes, 23.	
Mr. Archer	Mr. Livingston	Mr. Batchelor	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mauger	Mr. Carr	Mr. Spence
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Catts	Mr. Storrer
Mr. Tilley Brown	Sir John Quick	Mr. Chanter	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Coon	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Fisher	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Bruce Smith	Mr. Foster	Mr. Webster
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Dugald Thomson	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Wise
Mr. Fuller	Mr. John Thomson	Mr. Hutchison	
Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. Willis	Mr. Maloney	*Tellers.*
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Wilson	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Frazer
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wynne	Mr. O'Malley	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Hedges		Mr. Poynton	
Mr. Hans Irvine	*Tellers.*		
Mr. W. H. Irvine	Mr. Hume Cook		
Mr. Liddell	Mr. Johnson		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question being accordingly put—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee—

The House divided—

Ayes, 33.		Noes, 18.	
Mr. Archer	Mr. Livingston	Mr. Batchelor	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mauger	Mr. Carr	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Bowden	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Catts	Mr. Spence
Mr. Tilley Brown	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Fisher	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Joseph Cook	Sir John Quick	Mr. Foster	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Coon	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Frazer	Mr. Webster
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Bruce Smith	Mr. Hutchison	*Tellers.*
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Storrer	Mr. Maloney	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Dugald Thomson	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Watkins
Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. John Thomson		
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Willis		
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wynne		
Mr. Hedges			
Mr. Hans Irvine	*Tellers.*		
Mr. W. H. Irvine	Mr. Hume Cook		
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Wilson		
Mr. Liddell			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after midnight—

WEDNESDAY, 8TH SEPTEMBER, 1909.

Debate continued.
Mr. Wilson moved, That the question be now put.
Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 24.		Noes, 21.	
Mr. Archer	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Livingston	Mr. Batchelor	Mr. Spence
Mr. Tilley Brown	Mr. Mauger	Mr. Carr	Mr. Storrer
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Catts	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Crouch	Sir John Quick	Mr. Chanter	Mr. Webster
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Coon	Mr. Willis
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Dugald Thomson	Mr. Foster	Mr. Wise
Mr. Fuller	Mr. John Thomson	Mr. Hughes	
Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. Wilson	Mr. Hutchison	*Tellers.*
Mr. Glynn		Mr. W. H. Irvine	Mr. Frazer
Mr. Groom	*Tellers.*	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Hedges	Mr. Hume Cook	Mr. Poynton	
Mr. Hans Irvine	Mr. Sampson		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question being accordingly put—That the House do now adjourn—
The House divided—

Ayes, 32.		Noes, 15.	
Mr. Archer	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Batchelor	Mr. Spence
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Liddell	Mr. Carr	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Livingston	Mr. Catts	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Tilley Brown	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Chanter	Mr. Wise
Mr. Hume Cook	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Foster	
Mr. Joseph Cook	Sir John Quick	Mr. Hughes	*Tellers.*
Mr. Coon	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Frazer
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Sir John Forrest	Mr. Storrer		
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Dugald Thomson		
Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. John Thomson		
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Willis		
Mr. Groom			
Mr. Hedges	*Tellers.*		
Mr. Hans Irvine	Mr. Mauger		
Mr. W. H. Irvine	Mr. Wilson		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-eight minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Chapman, Colonel Foxton, Mr. Hall, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Knox, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Reid, and Mr. Watson.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH SEPTEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

DUDLEY,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 13.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and ten for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.*", as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

4th September, 1909.

DUDLEY,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 14.

A Bill intituled "*An Act relating to Currency, Coinage, and Legal Tender*", as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

4th September, 1909.

3. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (FINANCE) BILL.—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution relating to Finance.
Mr. Fisher moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

4. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (STATE DEBTS) BILL.—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution relating to the Public Debts of the States.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Deakin then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution relating to the Public Debts of the States*", and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

5. HIGH COMMISSIONER BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-one minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Chapman, Colonel Foxton, Mr. Hall, Mr. Knox, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Reid, and Mr. Watson.

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No. 45.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 9TH SEPTEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. RETURN TO WRIT (WAKEFIELD DIVISION).—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a Return to the Writ which he had issued on the 29th July last, for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Wakefield, in the State of South Australia, and that by the indorsement on the Writ it appeared that Richard Witty Foster had been elected in pursuance of the said Writ.

EMBER SWORN.—The Honorable Richard Witty Foster was introduced, and made and subscribed the Oath required by law.

4. PRIVILEGE.—INCLUDING IN "HANSARD" CERTAIN MATTER NOT DELIVERED IN HOUSE.—Mr. Frazer moved, as a question of privilege, That the action of Mr. Speaker in authorizing the inclusion in the *Hansard* report of the speech of the honorable Member for Ballaarat of certain matter which was not delivered in this House is not approved of.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

5. PAPERS.—Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to Statute—

Papua—Ordinance of 1909—Removal of Natives Ordinance 1907—Repeal.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

General Post Office and Proposed Purchase of Markets, Sydney—Return to an Order of the House dated 11th August, 1909.

6. WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY AND SHIPPING.—The Order of the Day therefor having been read, Mr. Kelly moved, pursuant to notice, That this House is of opinion that wireless telegraphic stations should be immediately established, as found desirable, round the coasts of Australia, and that our merchant marine should be equipped with wireless installations as an up-to-date means (1) of gaining intelligence of the appearance in Australian waters of a hostile force, and (2) of saving life and property imperilled by accidents upon the sea.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 2, be postponed until Thursday next, and that the consideration of the remaining Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Thursday, 23rd instant.

8. PROFESSIONS—UNIFORM COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATION FOR.—Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to notice, That it is desirable, for the better protection of the people, to have uniformity of legislation throughout the Commonwealth for the control and registration of all members of the medical, legal, and other professions.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Liddell addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 30th instant.

9. Postponement of Notices of Motion.—Ordered, That the consideration of Notices of Motion Nos. 2 and 3 be postponed until Thursday, 14th October next, and that the consideration of Notice of Motion No. 4 be postponed until Thursday, 23rd instant.

10. Constitution Alteration (Finance) Bill.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Deakin :—That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution relating to Finance—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Hughes moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

11. Adjournment.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at a quarter to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Chapman, Colonel Foxton, Mr. Knox, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Reid, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Watson.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPERS.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

   Inter-State Conference, Melbourne, August, 1909—Agreement on Commonwealth and State Finance, also Tables prepared by the Treasurer (The Right Honorable Sir John Forrest).

   Ordered to lie on the Table.

   Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to Statute—
   Papua—Ordinance of 1909—Native Labour Amendment.

3. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (FINANCE) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Deakin :—That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution relating to Finance—
   Debate resumed.
   Mr. Mathews addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
   Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
   Debate ensued.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Tilley Brown, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Chapman, Colonel Foxton, Mr. Knox, Mr. Livingston, Mr. McDougall, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Reid, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Sampson, and Mr. Watson.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. CHAPMAN).—Mr. Deakin moved, by leave, That leave of absence for two months be given, on account of ill-health, to the honorable Member for Eden-Monaro (Mr. Chapman).
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

3. PAPER.—Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to Statute—
Papua—Ordinance of 1909—Timber (Consolidated).

4. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Ordered, That the consideration of the Notice of Motion be postponed until after the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 2.

5. SUPPLY [SUPPLY BILL].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.
Mr. McDonald also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Sir John Forrest moved, pursuant to notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended in order to enable all steps to be taken to obtain Supply, and to pass a Supply Bill through all its stages without delay.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and is as follows:—

Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Five hundred and sixty-two thousand and seventeen pounds be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year ending 30th June, 1910.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.

8. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.
Mr. McDonald also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

9. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.—The resolution reported from the Committee of Ways and Means was read, and is as follows:—

Resolved—That towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year ending 30th June, 1910, a sum not exceeding Five hundred and sixty-two thousand and seventeen pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.
Ordered—That Sir John Forrest and Mr. Glynn do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

10. Supply Bill (No. 2) 1909-10.—Sir John Forrest then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and ten,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.

On the motion of Sir John Forrest the House adopted the Report.

Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

11. Adjournment.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at fourteen minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chapman*, Mr. Fairbairn, Colonel Foxton, Mr. Hall, Mr. Hedges, Mr. Hans Irvine, Mr. Knox, Mr. Livingston, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Watson.

* On leave.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH SEPTEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPER.—Mr. Glynn presented, pursuant to Statute—

Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Provisional Regulations—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 102.

3. GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—PRECEDENCE TO.—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice, That, on each sitting day, until otherwise ordered, Government Business shall take precedence of General Business.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Storrer moved an amendment—That all the words after the word "That" be omitted from the motion with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof:—"the House meet at 10.30 o'clock a.m. on Wednesday and Thursday in each week until otherwise ordered."

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 29.		Noes, 22.	
Mr. Archer	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Bamford	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Liddell	Mr. Batchelor	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mauger	Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Carr	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Coon	Sir John Quick	Mr. Catts	Mr. Spence
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Chanter	Mr. Storrer
Mr. Edwards	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Fisher	Mr. Tudor
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Dugald Thomson	Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. Webster
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Wilks	Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Willis	Mr. Hutchison	*Tellers.*
Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. Wynne	Mr. Maloney	Mr. Frazer
Mr. Glynn		Mr. Mathews	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Groom	*Tellers.*		
Mr. Harper	Mr. Hume Cook		
Mr. W. H. Irvine	Mr. Wilson		
Mr. Johnson			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Bamford moved an amendment—That the following words be added to the motion "on and after 7th October."

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Bamford	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Batchelor	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. Page
Mr. Carr	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Catts	Mr. Spence
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Storrer
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. Webster
Mr. Frazer	
Mr. Hughes	*Tellers.*
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Maloney	Mr. Watkins

Noes, 32.

Mr. Archer	Mr. Liddell
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mauger
Mr. Bowden	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Coon	Sir John Quick
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Edwards.	Mr. Sinclair
Sir Thomas Ewing	Mr. Dugald Thomson
Sir John Forrest	Mr. John Thomson
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Wilks
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Willis
Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Wynne
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Harper	*Tellers.*
Mr. W. H. Irvine	Mr. Hume Cook
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Kelly

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Maloney moved an amendment—That the following words be added to the motion :—"but this resolution shall not apply to Notice of Motion No. 2 of 21st October next."

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Bamford	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Batchelor	Mr. Page
Mr. Carr	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Catts	Mr. Spence
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Storrer
Mr. Frazer	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Webster
Mr. Hutchison	
Mr. Maloney	*Tellers.*
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Thomas Brown
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Frank J. Foster

Noes, 28.

Mr. Archer	Mr. Liddell
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mauger
Mr. Bowden	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Joseph Cook	Sir John Quick
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Sampson
Sir Thomas Ewing	Mr. Sinclair
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Dugald Thomson
Mr. Fowler	Mr. John Thomson
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Wilks
Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. Willis
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Harper	*Tellers.*
Mr. W. H. Irvine	Mr. Hume Cook
Mr. Kelly	Mr. Palmer

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Spence moved an amendment—That the following words be added to the motion :—"but this resolution shall not apply to Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 4 of the 23rd instant."

Debate ensued.

Sir John Forrest moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Archer	Mr. Liddell
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mauger
Mr. Bowden	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Crouch	Sir John Quick
Sir Thomas Ewing	Mr. Sampson
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Dugald Thomson
Mr. Fuller	Mr. John Thomson
Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. Willis
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wynne
Mr. Harper	
Mr. W. H. Irvine	*Tellers.*
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Hume Cook
Mr. Kelly	Mr. Wilks

Noes, 22.

Mr. Bamford	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Batchelor	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. Page
Mr. Carr	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Spence
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Storrer
Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Frazer	Mr. Webster
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Hutchison	*Tellers.*
Mr. Maloney	Mr. Catts
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Watkins

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question being accordingly put—That the following words be added to the motion :—"but this resolution shall not apply to Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 4 of the 23rd instant"—

The House divided—

Ayes 23.

Mr. Bamford	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Batchelor	Mr. Page
Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Catts	Mr. Spence
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Storrer
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Frazer	Mr. Webster
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Hutchison	
Mr. Maloney	*Tellers.*
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Carr
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Watkins

Noes 30.

Mr. Archer	Mr. Mauger
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Crouch	Sir John Quick
Sir Thomas Ewing	Mr. Sampson
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Dugald Thomson
Mr. Fuller	Mr. John Thomson
Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. Wilks
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Willis
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Harper	Mr. Wynne
Mr. W. H. Irvine	
Mr. Johnson	*Tellers.*
Mr. Kelly	Mr. Bowden
Mr. Liddell	Mr. Hume Cook

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. O'Malley moved an amendment—That the following words be added to the motion :—"On the day to be set apart by the Government for private Members' business, Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 4 of 23rd September on the Notice-paper shall take precedence."

Debate ensued.

Sir John Forrest moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Archer	Mr. Mauger
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Joseph Cook	Sir John Quick
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Sampson
Sir Thomas Ewing	Mr. Sinclair
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Dugald Thomson
Mr. Fowler	Mr. John Thomson
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Wilks
Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. Willis
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wynne
Mr. Harper	
Mr. W. H. Irvine	*Tellers.*
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Hume Cook
Mr. Liddell	Mr. Kelly

Noes, 23.

Mr. Bamford	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Batchelor	Mr. Page
Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Carr	Mr. Spence
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Storrer
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Frazer	Mr. Webster
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Hutchison	
Mr. Maloney	*Tellers.*
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Catts
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Watkins

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question being accordingly put—That the following words be added to the motion :—"On the day to be set apart by the Government for private Members' business, Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 4 of 23rd September on the Notice-paper shall take precedence"—

The House divided—

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Bamford	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Batchelor	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. Page
Mr. Carr	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Catts	Mr. Spence
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. Webster
Mr. Frazer	
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Hutchison	*Tellers.*
Mr. Maloney	Mr. Storrer
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Watkins.

Noes, 30.

Mr. Archer	Mr. Liddell
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mauger
Mr. Bowden	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Crouch	Sir John Quick
Sir Thomas Ewing	Mr. Sinclair
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Dugald Thomson
Mr. Fowler	Mr. John Thomson
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Wilks
Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. Willis
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wynne
Mr. Harper	
Mr. W. H. Irvine	*Tellers.*
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Hume Cook
Mr. Kelly	Mr. Sampson

And so it passed in the negative.

Sir John Forrest moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 30.		Noes, 23.	
Mr. Archer	Mr. Liddell	Mr. Bamford	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mauger	Mr. Batchelor	Mr. Page
Mr. Bowden	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Carr	Mr. Spence
Mr. Crouch	Sir John Quick	Mr. Chanter	Mr. Storrer
Sir Thomas Ewing	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Fisher	Mr. Thomas
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Dugald Thomson	Mr. Frazer	Mr. Webster
Mr. Fuller	Mr. John Thomson	Mr. Hughes	
Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. Wilks	Mr. Hutchison	
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Willis	Mr. Maloney	*Tellers.*
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wynne	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Catts
Mr. Harper		Mr. McDonald	Mr. Watkins
Mr. W. H. Irvine	*Tellers.*		
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Hume Cook		
Mr. Kelly	Mr. Wilson		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question being accordingly put—That on each sitting day, until otherwise ordered, Government Business shall take precedence of General Business—

The House divided—

Ayes, 30.		Noes, 23.	
Mr. Archer	Mr. Mauger	Mr. Bamford	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Batchelor	Mr. Page
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Joseph Cook	Sir John Quick	Mr. Carr	Mr. Spence
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Catts	Mr. Storrer
Sir Thomas Ewing	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Chanter	Mr. Thomas
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Dugald Thomson	Mr. Fisher	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Fowler	Mr. John Thomson	Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. Webster
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Wilks	Mr. Frazer	
Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. Willis	Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Wilson	Mr. Maloney	*Tellers.*
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wynne	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. Harper		Mr. McDonald	Mr. Watkins
Mr. W. H. Irvine	*Tellers.*		
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Hume Cook		
Mr. Liddell	Mr. Kelly		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

4. Message from the Senate.—Seamen's Compensation Bill.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

Mr. Speaker, *Message No.* 15.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act relating to compensation to Seamen for injuries suffered in the course of their employment*", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

A. J. Gould,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 15th September, 1909.

5. Seamen's Compensation Bill.—Mr. Glynn moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to compensation to Seamen for injuries suffered in the course of their employment*", be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

6. Message from the Senate.—Supply Bill (No.2) 1909-10.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

Mr. Speaker, *Message No.* 16.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and ten,*" to which it has agreed without requests.

A. J. Gould,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 15th September, 1909.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 14.		Noes, 20.	
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mauger	Mr. Batchelor	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Joseph Cook	Sir John Quick	Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. McDonald
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Carr	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Willis	Mr. Catts	Mr. Spence
Mr. Glynn		Mr. Chanter	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Groom	*Tellers.*	Mr. Fisher	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Harper	Mr. Hume Cook	Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. Webster
Mr. Liddell	Mr. Coon	Mr. Frazer	
		Mr. Hughes	*Tellers.*
		Mr. Hutchison	Mr. O'Malley
		Mr. Maloney	Mr. Watkins

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirty-two minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Tilley Brown, Mr. Chapman*, Mr. Fairbairn, Colonel Foxton, Mr. Hall, Mr. Hedges, Mr. Hans Irvine, Mr. Knox, Mr. Livingston, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Watson.

* On leave.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 16TH SEPTEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPER.—Mr. Joseph Cook presented, pursuant to Statute—

   Defence Acts—Military Forces—Financial and Allowance Regulations Amended (Provisional)—Nos. 158, 158 (*a*)—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 101.

3. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Watkins rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The Administration of the Old-age Pensions Act."

   Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—

   Mr. Watkins moved, That the House do now adjourn.

   Debate ensued.

   It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 119, and the Orders of the Day were called on.

4. SUPPLY ["GRIEVANCE DAY"].—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—

   Question proposed—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

   Debate ensued.

   Mr. Joseph Cook moved—That the question be now put.

   A Point of Order having been raised, and Mr. Speaker having ruled that the Closure could be applied to the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair," Mr. Hughes took objection, in writing, to the ruling, and motion being made to dissent from the ruling—the debate thereon was forthwith adjourned to the next sitting day.

   Question—That the question be now put—put.

   The House divided—

Ayes, 30.		Noes, 17.	
Mr. Archer	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Bamford	Mr. McDougall
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Liddell	Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Bowden	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Carr	Mr. Page
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Catts	Mr. Spence
Mr. Crouch	Sir John Quick	Mr. Chanter	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Edwards	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Fisher	
Sir Thomas Ewing	Mr. Storrer	Mr. Frank J. Foster	
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Dugald Thomson	Mr. Hughes	*Tellers.*
Mr. Fowler	Mr. John Thomson	Sir William Lyne	Mr. Frazer
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Willis	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Wilks
Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. Wilson		
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Wynne		
Mr. Groom			
Mr. Harper	*Tellers.*		
Mr. W. H. Irvine	Mr. Hume Cook		
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Sampson		

   And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question being accordingly put—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair —
The House divided—

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Bamford	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. McDougall
Mr. Carr	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Page
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Spence
Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Frazer	
Mr. Hughes	*Tellers.*
Sir William Lyne	Mr. Catts
Mr. Maloney	Mr. Mathews

Noes, 31.

Mr. Archer	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Bowden	Sir John Quick
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Edwards	Mr. Storrer
Sir Thomas Ewing	Mr. Dugald Thomson
Sir John Forrest	Mr. John Thomson
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Wilks
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Willis
Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Wynne
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Harper	
Mr. W. H. Irvine	*Tellers.*
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Hume Cook
Mr. Liddell	Mr. Kelly

And so it passed in the negative.

Sir John Forrest moved—That the House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.
Question—put.
The House divided—

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Archer	Mr. Liddell
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Joseph Cook	Sir John Quick
Mr. Coon	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Storrer
Mr. Edwards	Mr. Dugald Thomson
Sir Thomas Ewing	Mr. John Thomson
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Wilks
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Willis
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Wilson
Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. Wynne
Mr. Glynn	
Mr. Harper	
Mr. W. H. Irvine	*Tellers.*
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Hume Cook
Mr. Kelly	Mr. Sampson

Noes, 18.

Mr. Bamford	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Catts	Mr. McDougall
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Page
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Spence
Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Frazer	
Mr. Hughes	*Tellers.*
Sir William Lyne	Mr. Carr
Mr. Maloney	Mr. O'Malley

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

5. High Commissioner Bill.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same with an amendment.
Ordered—That the consideration of the Report be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

6. Adjournment.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at five minutes past one o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Tilley Brown, Mr. Chapman*, Mr. Deakin, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. R. W. Foster, Colonel Foxton, Mr. Hall, Mr. Hedges, Mr. Hans Irvine, Mr. Knox, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Watson.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPER.—Sir John Quick presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Telephone Accounts—Progress Report of Committee of Accountants (Messrs. Whitton and Holmes) appointed to report on, together with remarks thereon by the Acting Secretary, Postmaster-General's Department.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

3. PRIVILEGE.—DISSENT FROM SPEAKER'S RULING.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the motion, of which notice had been given at the last sitting, to dissent from a ruling of Mr. Speaker—Mr. Hughes moved, That this House dissents from the ruling of Mr. Speaker, that the Closure could be applied to the question, under Standing Order No. 241, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair."

Debate ensued.

Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 30.		Noes, 17.	
Mr. Archer	Mr. Mauger	Mr. Bamford	Mr. McDougall
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Carr	Mr. Page
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Catts	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Coon	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Fisher	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Storrer	Mr. Frank J. Foster	
Mr. Edwards	Mr. Dugald Thomson	Mr. Hughes	
Sir Thomas Ewing	Mr. John Thomson	Sir William Lyne	*Tellers.*
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Wilks	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Frazer
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Willis	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Maloney
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Wilson		
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Wynne		
Mr. Groom			
Mr. W. H. Irvine	*Tellers.*		
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Hume Cook		
Mr. Liddell	Mr. Kelly		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question being accordingly put—"That this House dissents from the ruling of Mr. Speaker, that the Closure could be applied to the question, under Standing Order No. 241, 'That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair'"—

The House divided—

Ayes, 14.		Noes, 30.	
Mr. Carr	Mr. McDougall	Mr. Archer	Mr. Mauger
Mr. Catts	Mr. O'Malley	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Thomas	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Frazer		Mr. Coon	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Hughes	*Tellers.*	Mr. Edwards	Mr. Storrer
Sir William Lyne	Mr. Thomas Brown	Sir John Forrest	Mr. Dugald Thomson
Mr. Maloney	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Fowler	Mr. John Thomson
		Mr. Fuller	Mr. Wilks
		Mr. Glynn	Mr. Willis
		Mr. Groom	Mr. Wilson
		Mr. Harper	Mr. Wynne
		Mr. W. H. Irvine	
		Mr. Johnson	*Tellers.*
		Mr. Kelly	Mr. Hume Cook
		Mr. Liddell	Mr. Crouch

And so it passed in the negative.

4. High Commissioner Bill.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 9—

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.

Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.

And thereupon the said resolution was read, and is as follows:—

Resolved—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the office of High Commissioner of the Commonwealth in the United Kingdom.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.

5. High Commissioner Bill.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole House on this Bill, Mr. Groom moved, That the Report be now adopted.

Mr. O'Malley moved, That the Bill be now recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 6, in order to increase the salary from £3,000 to £6,000.

Mr. Speaker stated that even if the Bill were recommitted, the honorable Member could not move such an increase, and that he was not sure if he ought not to rule him out of order. He would suggest that the honorable Member should not proceed with his motion.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Question—That the Report be now adopted—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the third reading be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

6. Constitution Alteration (Finance) Bill.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Deakin:—That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution relating to Finance—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Harper moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for next sitting.

7. Adjournment—Count Out.—Sir John Forrest moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Atkinson called the attention of Mr. Speaker to the fact that a quorum of Members was not present.

The Bells having been rung, and a quorum not having been obtained within the prescribed time, Mr. Speaker thereupon, at nine minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned the House until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Tilley Brown, Mr. Chapman*, Mr. Deakin, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. R. W. Foster, Colonel Foxton, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Hall, Mr. Hedges, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Hans Irvine, Mr. Knox, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Reid, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Webster.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

DUDLEY,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 15.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and ten,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

17th September, 1909.

3. PAPER.—Mr. Fuller presented, pursuant to Statute—

Public Service Act—Fifth Report on the Commonwealth Public Service by the Commissioner.

Ordered to be printed.

4. DEFENCE BILL (1909).—Mr. Joseph Cook, pursuant to leave given on 4th ultimo, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Naval and Military Defence,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Deakin moved, That the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the second reading of the Bill to be taken this day.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Deakin moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 38.		Noes, 26.	
Mr. Archer	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Batchelor	Mr. McDougall
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Knox	Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Tilley Brown	Mr. Liddell	Mr. Carr	Mr. Page
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Livingston	Mr. Catts	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Coon	Mr. Mauger	Mr. Chanter	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Crouch	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Fisher	Mr. Spence
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Frazer	Mr. Storrer
Mr. Edwards	Sir John Quick	Mr. Hall	Mr. Thomas
Sir Thomas Ewing	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Webster
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Wise
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Bruce Smith	Sir William Lyne	
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Dugald Thomson	Mr. Mahon	*Tellers.*
Mr. Fowler	Mr. John Thomson	Mr. Maloney	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Wilks	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Wilson		
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wynne		
Mr. Harper			
Mr. Hedges	*Tellers.*		
Mr. Hans Irvine	Mr. Bowden		
Mr. W. H. Irvine	Mr. Hume Cook		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

A Point of Order having been raised, and Mr. Speaker having ruled that the motion of the Prime Minister for the suspension of the Standing Orders was a motion within the meaning of Standing Orders 407 and 409, Mr. Hughes took objection, in writing, to the ruling, and motion being made to dissent from the ruling—the debate thereon was forthwith adjourned to the next sitting day.

And the question being accordingly put—That the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the second reading of the Bill to be taken this day—

The House divided—

Ayes, 39.		Noes, 16.	
Mr. Archer	Mr. Knox	Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Liddell	Mr. Catts	Mr. McDougall
Mr. Tilley Brown	Mr. Livingston	Mr. Fisher	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Mauger	Mr. Hall	Mr. Spence
Mr. Coon	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Webster
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Hutchison	
Mr. Deakin	Sir John Quick	Mr. Mahon	*Tellers.*
Mr. Edwards	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Maloney	Mr. Frazer
Sir Thomas Ewing	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Bruce Smith		
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Storrer		
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Dugald Thomson		
Mr. Fowler	Mr. John Thomson		
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Wilks		
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Wilson		
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wynne		
Mr. Harper			
Mr. Hedges			
Mr. Hans Irvine	*Tellers.*		
Mr. W. H. Irvine	Mr. Bowden		
Mr. Kelly	Mr. Hume Cook		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative by an absolute majority of the whole number of the Members of the House.

Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Fisher moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

5. High Commissioner Bill.—The Order of the Day having been read for the third reading of this Bill—Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

6. Constitution Alteration (Finance) Bill.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Deakin:—That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution relating to Finance.

Debate resumed.

Mr. McDonald moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

7. Adjournment.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirteen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chapman*, Mr. Frank J. Foster, Colonel Foxton, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Reid, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Willis.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND SEPTEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PRIVILEGE.—DISSENT FROM SPEAKER'S RULING.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the motion, of which notice had been given at the last sitting, to dissent from a ruling of Mr. Speaker—Mr. Hughes moved, That this House dissents from the ruling of Mr. Speaker, that the motion of the Prime Minister for the suspension of the Standing Orders was a motion within the meaning of Standing Orders 407 and 409.

During his speech Mr. Hughes used two expressions which Mr. Speaker ruled out of order, and directed their withdrawal by the honorable Member. Mr. Hughes withdrew one expression but refused to withdraw the other. Mr. Speaker having repeatedly asked the honorable Member to withdraw the latter expression, and the honorable Member still refusing, Mr. Speaker named the honorable Member for West Sydney (Mr. Hughes) for consistent and persistent disregard of the direction of the Chair to withdraw a word that was considered disorderly. Mr. Deakin stated that he thought there was a misunderstanding, and that Mr. Hughes had used the word "contemptible" not in reference to an honorable Member personally, but as a criticism on the tactics of the Ministry. Mr. Hughes stated that was the way in which he applied the word. Mr. Speaker thereupon accepted the honorable Member's explanation, and the matter was not proceeded with further.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Batchelor moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as prevents the discussion forthwith of the Speaker's rulings of yesterday.

Debate ensued.

Question—That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as prevents the discussion forthwith of the Speaker's rulings of yesterday—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 28.		Noes, 34.	
Mr. Bamford	Mr. McDougall	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Kelly
Mr. Batchelor	Mr. O'Malley	Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Liddell
Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. Page	Mr. Coon	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Carr	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Crouch	Mr. Mauger
Mr. Catts	Mr. Roberts	Mr. Deakin	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Spence	Mr. Edwards	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Thomas	Sir Thomas Ewing	Sir John Quick
Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Frazer	Mr. Watkins	Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Webster	Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Bruce Smith
Sir William Lyne	Mr. Wise	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Dugald Thomson
Mr. Mahon		Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. John Thomson
Mr. Maloney	*Tellers.*	Mr. Glynn	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Hall	Mr. Groom	Mr. Wynne
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Harper	
		Mr. Hedges	*Tellers.*
		Mr. Hans Irvine	Mr. Archer
		Mr. Johnson	Mr. Hume Cook

And so it passed in the negative.

Debate on original motion continued.

Mr. Deakin moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 37.		Noes, 27.	
Mr. Archer	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Bamford	Mr. McDougall
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Knox	Mr. Batchelor	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Liddell	Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. Page
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Livingston	Mr. Carr	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Coon	Mr. Mauger	Mr. Catts	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Deakin	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Chanter	Mr. Spence
Sir Thomas Ewing	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Fisher	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Fairbairn	Sir John Quick	Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. Tudor
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Watkins
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Wise
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Bruce Smith	Sir William Lyne	
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Dugald Thomson	Mr. Mahon	
Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. John Thomson	Mr. Maloney	*Tellers.*
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Wilson	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Frazer
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wynne	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Hall
Mr. Harper			
Mr. Hedges			
Mr. Hans Irvine	*Tellers.*		
Mr. W. H. Irvine	Mr. Hume Cook		
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Crouch		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question being accordingly put—"That this House dissents from the ruling of Mr. Speaker, that the motion of the Prime Minister for the suspension of the Standing Orders was a motion within the meaning of Standing Orders 407 and 409"—

The House divided—

Ayes, 25.		Noes, 37.	
Mr. Bamford	Mr. O'Malley	Mr. Archer	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Batchelor	Mr. Page	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Kelly
Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Knox
Mr. Carr	Mr. Roberts	Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Liddell
Mr. Catts	Mr. Spence	Mr. Coon	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Thomas	Mr. Crouch	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Deakin	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Watkins	Sir Thomas Ewing	Sir John Quick
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Webster	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Sampson
Sir William Lyne		Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Mahon		Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Bruce Smith
Mr. Maloney	*Tellers.*	Mr. Fowler	Mr. Dugald Thomson
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Frazer	Mr. Fuller	Mr. John Thomson
Mr. McDougall	Mr. Hall	Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. Wilson
		Mr. Glynn	Mr. Wynne
		Mr. Groom	
		Mr. Harper	
		Mr. Hedges	*Tellers.*
		Mr. Hans Irvine	Mr. Hume Cook
		Mr. W. H. Irvine	Mr. Mauger

And so it passed in the negative.

3. Constitution Alteration (Finance) Bill.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Deakin :—That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution relating to Finance—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Bowden moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

4. Adjournment.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at two minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Tilley Brown, Mr. Chapman*, Colonel Foxton, Mr. Reid, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Willis.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Thomas Brown rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The Administration of the Electoral Act."
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
Mr. Thomas Brown moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.

3. PAPERS.—Mr. Fuller presented, pursuant to Statute—
Public Service Act—Regulations Amended—
No. 142 (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 105.
Nos. 156, 257-62—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 106.

4. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (FINANCE) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Deakin:—That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution relating to Finance—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Dugald Thomson moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-six minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chapman*, Mr. Hume Cook, Colonel Foxton, Mr. Reid, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilks, and Mr. Willis.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPERS.—Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to Statute—

   Papua—Ordinances of 1909—
   - No. 10.—Criminal Procedure Amendment.
   - No. 11.—Deputy Chief Judicial Officer.
   - No. 21.—Supplementary Appropriation 1908–9, No. 10.
   - No. 22.—Supply (No. 1) 1909–10.

3. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (FINANCE) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Deakin :—That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution relating to Finance—

   Debate resumed.

   Sir John Forrest moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

   Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

   Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

4. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The following Order of the Day was, on the motion of Mr. Deakin, read and discharged :—

   Bureau of Agriculture Bill—Second reading—Resumption of debate.

   Ordered—That the said Bill be withdrawn.

5. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (STATE DEBTS) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Deakin moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

   Mr. Fisher moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

   Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

   Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

6. PAPER.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

   Steamship *Waratah*—*Précis* of correspondence relating to the chartering of a suitable vessel to search for the missing steamship *Waratah*.

   Ordered to lie on the Table.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

   Debate ensued.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at four minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chanter, Mr. Chapman*, Mr. Hume Cook, Colonel Foxton, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Mauger, Mr. McDougall, Mr. Reid, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilks, and Mr. Willis.

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No. 55.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPER.—The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

   Public Servants receiving less than £110 per annum—Return to an Order of the House, dated 31st August, 1909.

3. ALTERATION OF TIME OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice, That the House meet to-morrow at 10.30 o'clock a.m., and that at 1 o'clock p.m. the sitting of the House be suspended until 7.45 o'clock p.m.

   Debate ensued.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (FINANCE) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Deakin :—That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution relating to Finance—

   Debate resumed.

   Mr. Wynne moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

   Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

   Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Archer, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Carr, Mr. Chapman*, Mr. Home Cook, Sir Thomas Ewing, Mr. Frank J. Foster, Colonel Foxton, Mr. Hall, Mr. Knox, Mr. Livingston, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Sinclair, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Wilks.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (FINANCE) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Deakin:—That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution relating to Finance—
   Debate resumed.
   At one o'clock p.m. the sitting of the House was suspended, in accordance with the resolution adopted at the last sitting, until a quarter to eight o'clock p.m.
   Debate resumed.
   Mr. R. W. Foster addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
   Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

3. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at two minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Archer, Mr. Carr, Mr. Chapman*, Mr. Hume Cook, Sir Thomas Ewing, Colonel Foxton, Mr. Hall, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Sinclair, and Mr. Watson.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (FINANCE) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Deakin :—That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution relating to Finance—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Coon moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

3. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Archer, Mr. Carr, Mr. Chapman*, Mr. Hume Cook, Mr. Edwards, Sir Thomas Ewing, Colonel Foxton, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Sinclair, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Watson.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 1st OCTOBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. Papers.—Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to Statute—

Papua—
Ordinances of 1909—
No. 23—Appropriation 1909-10.
No. 24—Supplementary Appropriation 1909-10, No. 1.

Mr. Fuller presented, pursuant to Statute—

Census and Statistics Act—
Official Bulletins—
Population and Vital Statistics—
No. 15—Quarter ended 31st March, 1909.
Trade, Shipping, Oversea Migration, and Finance—
No. 30—June, 1909.
No. 31—July, 1909.

3. Constitution Alteration (Finance) Bill.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Deakin:—That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution relating to Finance—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Batchelor addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

4. Adjournment.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-eight minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Archer, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Tilley Brown, Mr. Carr, Mr. Chapman*, Mr. Hume Cook, Mr. Edwards, Sir Thomas Ewing, Mr. R. W. Foster, Colonel Foxton, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Reid, Mr. Sampson, Mr. Sinclair, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Wynne.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 5TH OCTOBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPER.—Mr. Fuller presented, pursuant to Statute—

   Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at Fremantle, Western Australia—For Defence purposes.

3. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (FINANCE) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Deakin :—That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution relating to Finance—

   Debate resumed.

   Mr. Thomas Brown addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

   Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at sixteen minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chapman*, Mr. Hume Cook, Mr. Edwards, Mr. R. W. Foster, Colonel Foxton, Mr. Frazer, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Reid, Mr. Sinclair, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Storrer, Mr. Watson, Mr. Webster, Mr. Willis, and Mr. Wynne.

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No. 60.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH OCTOBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPERS.—Mr. Fuller presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

   Federal Capital—Proposed Site at Yass-Canberra—Further Papers respecting the selection of the Territory and proposed site for the City (dated 17th August to 30th September, 1909).

   Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

   Mr. Joseph Cook presented, pursuant to Statute—

   Defence Acts—Military Forces—Regulation Amended (Provisional)—No. 540—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 110.

3. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (FINANCE) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Deakin:—That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution relating to Finance—

   Debate resumed.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

   Mr. Deakin then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution relating to Finance,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

   Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—ELECTORAL BILL (1909) (No. 2).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

   MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 17.

   The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Parliamentary Elections,*" and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

   A. J. GOULD,
   President.

   The Senate,
   Melbourne, 6th October, 1909.

5. ELECTORAL BILL (1909) (No. 2).—Mr. Deakin moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the Law relating to Parliamentary Elections,*" be now read a first time.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

   Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

6. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (STATE DEBTS) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.
On the motion of Mr. Deakin the House adopted the Report.
Ordered—That the third reading be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 3, Government Business, be postponed until Tuesday next, and Nos. 4 and 5 until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 6.

8. MARINE INSURANCE BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same with amendments.
On the motion of Mr. Deakin the House ordered that the Bill be allowed to pass through its remaining stages this day.
On the motion of Mr. Deakin the House adopted the Report.
Mr. Deakin moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

9. NORTHERN TERRITORY ACCEPTANCE BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Webster moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at fourteen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Tilley Brown, Mr. Chapman*, Mr. Edwards, Colonel Foxton, Mr. Reid, Mr. Storrer, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Watson, Mr. Willis, and Mr. Wynne.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 7TH OCTOBER, 1909.

1 The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBERS (MR. WATSON AND COLONEL FOXTON).—Mr. Fisher moved, pursuant to notice, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for South Sydney (Mr. Watson) on account of urgent private business.

And the question having been amended by the addition, on the motion of Mr. Deakin, of the following words "and to the honorable Member for Brisbane (Colonel Foxton) on account of public business."

Question—That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for South Sydney (Mr. Watson) on account of urgent private business, and to the honorable Member for Brisbane (Colonel Foxton) on account of public business—put and resolved in the affirmative.

3. SUPPLY ["GRIEVANCE DAY" AND SUPPLY BILL].—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—

Question proposed—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.

Mr. McDonald also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Sir John Forrest moved, pursuant to notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended in order to enable all steps to be taken to obtain Supply, and to pass a Supply Bill through all its stages without delay.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and is as follows:—

Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Three hundred and sixty thousand four hundred and seventy-two pounds be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year ending 30th June, 1910.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.

6. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.

Mr. McDonald also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.—The resolution reported from the Committee of Ways and Means was read, and is as follows :—

Resolved—That towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year ending 30th June, 1910, a sum not exceeding Three hundred and sixty thousand four hundred and seventy-two pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir John Forrest and Mr. Glynn do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

8. SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) 1909-10.—Sir John Forrest then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and ten,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.

On the motion of Sir John Forrest the House adopted the Report.

Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir John Forrest moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chapman*, Mr. Hume Cook, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Fowler, Colonel Foxton*, Mr. Reid, Mr. Storrer, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Watson*, and Mr. Willis.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 8TH OCTOBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPERS.—Mr. Fuller presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

   Federal Capital—Proposed Site at Yass-Canberra—Further Paper respecting the selection of the Territory and proposed site for the City (dated 28th September, 1909).

   Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

   Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to Statute—

   Bounties Act—Regulations Amended—Nos. 20–28—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 103.
   Quarantine Act—Regulations Amended (Provisional)—No. 5A—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 100.

3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 be postponed until Tuesday next.

4. NORTHERN TERRITORY ACCEPTANCE BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
   Debate resumed.
   Mr. Crouch moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
   Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
   Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) 1909–10.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

   MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 18.

   The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and ten,*" to which it has agreed without requests.

   A. J. GOULD,
   President.

   The Senate,
   Melbourne, 8th October, 1909.

6. LEGITIMATION BILL.—Mr. Maloney, pursuant to leave given on the 26th August last, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act for the Legitimation of Children by Registration,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
   Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

7. PAPERS.—Mr. Fuller presented, pursuant to Statute—

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at Maribyrnong, Victoria—For Defence purposes.

Sir John Quick presented, pursuant to Statute—

Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations Amended, &c.—

General (Holidays); Postal; General Postal—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 104.

Regulations for securing telegraph lines, &c., from interference by house removals, &c.—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 109.

Postal; Telegraphic; Money Orders—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 111.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at sixteen minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chapman*, Mr. Edwards, Sir Thomas Ewing, Mr. Frank J. Foster, Mr. Fowler, Colonel Foxton*, Mr. W. H. Irvine, Mr. Livingston, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McDougall, Mr. Reid, Mr. Storrer, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Watson*, and Mr. Willis.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 12TH OCTOBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

DUDLEY,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 16.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and ten*," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

9th October, 1909.

3. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (FINANCE) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Deakin moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. TELEGRAPH [EMERGENCY] BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same with amendments.
Ordered—That the consideration of the Report be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

5. POST AND TELEGRAPH [RECORDING MACHINES] BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Sir John Quick moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Willis moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

6. PAPERS.—Mr. Fuller presented, pursuant to Statute—

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at Weston, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.

Public Service Act—Home Affairs Department—Public Works Branch, Central Staff—Appointment of Major A. J. Pinchen as Assistant Military Engineer.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

Public Servants receiving less than £110 per annum—Additional Return to an Order of the House dated 31st August, 1909.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at seven minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Catts, Mr. Chapman*, Mr. Edwards, Sir Thomas Ewing, Colonel Foxton*, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Page, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Storrer, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Watson*.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH OCTOBER, 1909.

1 The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPERS.—Mr. Groom presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Leprosy—Report by Dr. Bull respecting the International Conference held at Bergen, Norway, 16th-19th August, 1909.

Mr. Fuller presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Transcontinental Railway, Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta—Instructions to the Engineers-in-Chief in connexion with the Trial Surveys; Ministerial Approval of the sum of £20,000, adoption of route, *viâ* Tarcoola, &c.; Report by the Engineers-in-Chief.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

3. DEFENCE BILL (1909).—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Roberts moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

4. TELEGRAPH [EMERGENCY] BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole House on this Bill—Sir John Quick moved, That the Report be now adopted.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Sir John Quick moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at half-past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Catts, Mr. Chapman*, Mr. Edwards, Sir Thomas Ewing, Colonel Foxton*, Mr. Page, and Mr. Watson*.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 14TH OCTOBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PRINTING COMMITTEE—FOURTH REPORT FROM.—Mr. Hutchison, Chairman, brought up the Fourth Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate).

The Report was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the undermentioned Petition and Papers presented to Parliament, make the following recommendations :—

Subject of Paper.	Recommendation of Committee.	Remarks.
Petition—		
Defence Bill—From Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Tasmania *re* regular military training	No recommendation	
Papers—		
Agricultural Implement Makers' Employés—Provision for reimbursement of legal outlay	,,	
Bounties Act—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 103 ...	,,	Already in print and circulated to Members
Census and Statistics Act—Official Bulletins—		
Population and Vital Statistics—No. 15 ...	,,	,,
Trade, Shipping, Oversea Migration, and Finance—Nos. 30 and 31	,,	,,
Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 102	,,	,,
Defence—		
Military Examinations, Melbourne, March, 1909—Return	,,	
Naval—Copy of Cable from Secretary of State *re* Australian Naval Defence	To be printed	
State Rifle Associations—Grants to, &c.—Return	,,	

REPORT—*continued.*

Subject of Paper.	Recommendation of Committee.	Remarks.
Papers—*continued.*		
Defence Acts—Statutory Rules 1909, Nos. 101 and 110	No recommendation	Already in print and circulated to Members
General Post Office and Proposed Purchase of Markets, Sydney—Return	,,	
Hansard and *Government Gazette*—Cost of Printing and Advertising—Return	To be printed	
Inter-State Conference, Melbourne, August, 1909—Agreement on Commonwealth and State Finance	,,	
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at—		
Fremantle	No recommendation	Published in *Gazette*
Maribyrnong		
Weston		
Papua—Ordinances of 1909—		
Nos. 10, 11, 21, 22, 23, 24	To be printed	
Native Labour Amendment	,,	
Removal of Natives Ordinance 1907—Repeal	,,	
Timber (Consolidated)	,,	
Patents Acts—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 96 ...	No recommendation	Already in print and circulated to Members
Post and Telegraph Act—Statutory Rules 1909, Nos. 99, 104, 109, and 111	,,	,, ,,
Public Servants receiving less than £110 per annum—		
Return	To be printed	
Additional Return	,,	
Public Service Act—		
Statutory Rules 1909, Nos. 105 and 106 ...	No recommendation	,, ,,
Appointment of Major A. J. Pinchen as Assistant Military Engineer, Home Affairs Department	,,	
Quarantine Act—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 100 ...	,,	,, ,,
Steamship *Waratah—Précis* of correspondence *re* chartering vessel to search for	,,	
Tariff—Australian Preference to British Goods—Memorandum by Minister for Trade and Customs	To be printed	

Committee Room,
14th October, 1909.

J. HUTCHISON,
Chairman.

Mr. Hutchison moved, by leave, That the Report be adopted.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

3. BUILDINGS RENTED, AND RENTS PAID BY COMMONWEALTH.—Mr. Johnson moved, pursuant to notice, amended, That a Return be laid upon the Table of the House showing—

(*a*) What buildings privately and publicly owned are rented for Commonwealth purposes in the capital of each State, and for what purpose; and what are the rents in each case.

(*b*) What is the total amount of rent paid in each State for privately owned buildings for Post, Telegraph, and Telephone purposes.

(*c*) What is the total amount of rent paid by the Commonwealth Government for the use of privately owned premises.

(*d*) Similar information in respect of publicly owned premises.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. DEFENCE BILL (1909).—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. NORTHERN TERRITORY ACCEPTANCE BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
And Mr. Crouch addressing the House—
Mr. Webster moved, That the honorable Member for Corio (Mr. Crouch) be not further heard.
Question—That the honorable Member for Corio be not further heard—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 4.		Noes, 37.	
Mr. Mahon	*Tellers.*	Mr. Archer	Mr. Mauger
Mr. Spence	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Batchelor	Mr. McDonald
	Mr. Webster	Mr. Bowden	Mr. McDougall
		Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. Palmer
		Mr. Chanter	Mr. Poynton
		Mr. Joseph Cook	Sir John Quick
		Mr. Deakin	Mr. Reid
		Mr. Fisher	Mr. Sampson
		Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sinclair
		Mr. Fuller	Mr. Storrer
		Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. Dugald Thomson
		Mr. Glynn	Mr. John Thomson
		Mr. Groom	Mr. Watkins
		Mr. Hall	Mr. Wilks
		Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Hans Irvine	
		Mr. Johnson	*Tellers.*
		Mr. Knox	Mr. Hume Cook
		Mr. Liddell	Mr. Coon
		Mr. Livingston	

And so it passed in the negative.
Debate continued by Mr. Crouch and other honorable Members.
Mr. Chanter moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

6. Postponement of Orders of the Day.—Ordered, after debate—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3, 4, and 5 be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 6.

7. Post and Telegraph [Recording Machines] Bill.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Mauger moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

8. Adjournment.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at ten minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Catts, Mr. Chapman*, Mr. Edwards, Sir Thomas Ewing, Colonel Foxton*, Mr. Page, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Watson*, and Mr. Wilson.

* On leave.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 15TH OCTOBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. NORTHERN TERRITORY ACCEPTANCE BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—HIGH COMMISSIONER BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 19.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the office of High Commissioner of the Commonwealth in the United Kingdom,*" to which it has agreed with the amendments indicated in the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

A. J. GOULD,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 15th October, 1909.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—REFERENDUM (CONSTITUTION ALTERATION) BILL (1909).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 20.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act* 1906,'" and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

A. J. GOULD,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 15th October, 1909.

5. REFERENDUM (CONSTITUTION ALTERATION) BILL (1909).—Mr. Fuller moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act* 1906,'" be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

6. PAPERS.—Mr. Fuller presented, pursuant to Statute—

Electoral Acts 1902–5—Western Australia—Report, with Map, by the Commissioner (Mr. M. A. C. Fraser) appointed for the purpose of distributing the State of Western Australia into Electoral Divisions.

Ordered to be printed.

Lands Acquisition Act—
Land acquired under, at—
Ararat, Victoria—For Defence purposes.
Beeac, Victoria—For Postal purposes.
Raymond Terrace, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Tilley Brown, Mr. Carr, Mr. Catts, Mr. Chapman*, Mr. Edwards, Sir Thomas Ewing, Mr. Frank J. Foster, Mr. R. W. Foster, Colonel Foxton*, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Page, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Watson*, and Mr. Wilson.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 19TH OCTOBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPERS.—Sir John Forrest presented, pursuant to Statute—

Audit Acts—Treasury Regulation No. 96 (*e*) Amended—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 107.

Mr. Fuller presented, pursuant to Statute—

Public Service Act—Regulations Amended—
No. 57 (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 119.
No. 171—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 120.

3. NORTHERN TERRITORY ACCEPTANCE BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 be postponed until to-morrow.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 37.		Noes, 22.	
Mr. Archer	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Bamford	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mauger	Mr. Carr	Mr. Page
Mr. Batchelor	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Catts	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Tilley Brown	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Chanter	Mr. Spence
Mr. Hume Cook	Sir John Quick	Mr. Fisher	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Reid	Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Hall	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Bruce Smith	Mr. Mahon	Mr. Webster
Sir Thomas Ewing	Mr. Storrer	Mr. Maloney	
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Dugald Thomson	Mr. Mathews	*Tellers.*
Sir John Forrest	Mr. John Thomson	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Frazer
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Wilks	Mr. McDougall	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Willis		
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Wilson		
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Wynne		
Mr. Groom			
Mr. Hedges			
Mr. Hans Irvine	*Tellers.*		
Mr. W. H. Irvine	Mr. Bowden		
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Liddell		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

5. DEFENCE BILL (1909).—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at three minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chapman*, Mr. Edwards, Colonel Foxton*, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Livingston, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McWilliams, and Mr. Watson*.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH OCTOBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PETITION.—Mr. Maloney presented a Petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the Parliament, while adopting defensive measures for the protection of Australia, will create a sub-Department of State to devise methods of cultivating international friendliness; will direct that no teaching connected solely with military training be imparted to children under 18 years of age; and will pass a resolution in favour of international limitation of armaments.
   Petition received and read.

3. SUGAR MILLS—COLOURED ALIENS EMPLOYED.—Mr. Bamford moved, pursuant to notice, That a Return be laid upon the Table showing—
   (1) The number of coloured aliens employed in each sugar mill in New South Wales and Queensland.
   (2) The nationalities of such men.
   (3) The work in which each man is engaged.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. DEFENCE BILL (1909).—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
   Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. PAPERS.—Sir John Forrest presented, pursuant to Statute—
   Audit Acts—Regulations Amended—Treasury Regulation, Clause 96 (*f*)—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 114.
   Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to Statute—
   Spirits Act—Regulation Added (Provisional)—Liniments and Veterinary Medicines Manufactured from Methylated Spirits—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 112.
   Sugar Bounty Act—Regulation Added No. 12A—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 113.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
   Debate ensued.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chapman*, Mr. Edwards, Colonel Foxton*, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Livingston, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McWilliams, and Mr. Watson*.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 21st OCTOBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. Petitions.—Mr. Hall presented a Petition from M. Courtenay Smith, styling herself President, and others, of the Annual Convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of New South Wales, praying that the House will amend the Defence Bill so as to make military training optional instead of compulsory.

   Mr. Archer presented a Petition from certain sugar cane-growers of Australia, alleging that the benefits of the protective duty of £6 per ton on sugar are not being equitably distributed among the various parties interested in the industry; and praying that a Royal Commission may be appointed or other means adopted to ascertain the facts of the position of the cane-growers, and that relief may be granted from their present disabilities.

   Petitions severally received and read.

3. Paper.—Mr. Joseph Cook presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

   Military Forces—Cadet Corps—Report of the Director-General for year ending 30th June, 1909.

   Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

4. Message from the Senate.—Telegraph [Emergency] Bill.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

   Mr. Speaker, *Message No. 21.*

   The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Telegraphic Communication in Time of Emergency,*" to which it has agreed without amendment.

   A. J. Gould,
   President.

   The Senate,
   Melbourne, 21st October, 1909.

5. Defence Bill (1909).—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

   Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. Adjournment.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at nineteen minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bowden, Mr. Chapman*, Mr. Edwards, Colonel Foxton*, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Livingston, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McWilliams, and Mr. Watson*.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 22ND OCTOBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. DEFENCE BILL (1909).—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

3. PAPERS.—Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to Statute—

Papua—
Ordinances of 1909—
No. 4—Customs Duties Amending.
No. 12—Customs Amendment.

Mr. Fuller presented, pursuant to Statute—

Census and Statistics Act—Regulation—Utilization of Information for State purposes—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 121.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at three minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Chapman*, Mr. Crouch, Mr. Deakin, Mr. Edwards, Colonel Foxton*, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Livingston, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Watson*, and Mr. Webster.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 26TH OCTOBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPERS.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Preferential Trade—Deputation from the Seventh Congress of the Chambers of Commerce of the Empire to the Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator Sir R. W. Best), 4th October, 1909—Report of Proceedings.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Knox moved, That the Paper be printed.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Fuller presented, pursuant to Statute—

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at Port Melbourne, Victoria—As an Addition to the Post Office Site.

3. DEFENCE BILL (1909).—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same with amendments.

Ordered—That the consideration of the Report be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at nine minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Chapman*, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Frank J. Foster, Mr. Fowler, Colonel Foxton*, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Watson*, and Mr. Webster.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH OCTOBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPERS.—Mr. Joseph Cook presented, pursuant to Statute—
   Defence Acts—Military Forces—Regulations Amended (Provisional)—
   No. 129A Added—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 117.
   No. 106A—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 118.

3. DEFENCE BILL (1909).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole House on this Bill—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the Report be now adopted.
   Mr. Catts moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clause 2 for the purpose of making provision that the Act shall commence on a day to be fixed by proclamation after provision for ways and means has been made from the proceeds of direct taxation.
   Debate ensued.
   Question—put.
   The House divided—

Ayes, 21.	
Mr. Bamford	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. Page
Mr. Carr	Mr. Povnton
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Spence
Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Hall	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Wilks
Mr. Mahon	
Mr. Maloney	*Tellers.*
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Catts
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Frazer
Mr. McDougall	

Noes, 33.	
Mr. Archer	Mr. Liddell
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Mauger
Mr. Coon	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Deakin	Sir John Quick
Mr. Edwards	Mr. Reid
Sir Thomas Ewing	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Sinclair
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Storrer
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Dugald Thomson
Mr. Fuller	Mr. John Thomson
Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. Willis
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Wynne
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Hedges	
Mr. Hans Irvine	*Tellers.*
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Hume Cook
Mr. Kelly	Mr. Crouch

   And so it passed in the negative.
   Mr. Kelly moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of proposed section 151 of the Principal Act.
   Debate ensued.
   Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 21.		Noes, 31.	
Mr. Carr	Mr. Page	Mr. Archer	Mr. Liddell
Mr. Catts	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Spence	Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. Thomas	Mr. Coon	Sir John Quick
Mr. Hall	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Crouch	Mr. Reid
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Wilks	Mr. Deakin	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Mahon	Mr. Wise	Mr. Edwards	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Maloney		Sir Thomas Ewing	Mr. Storrer
Mr. Mathews		Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Dugald Thomson
Mr. McDonald	*Tellers.*	Sir John Forrest	Mr. John Thomson
Mr. McDougall	Mr. Frazer	Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Willis
Mr. O'Malley	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Wynne
		Sir Philip Fysh	
		Mr. Glynn	
		Mr. Groom	*Tellers.*
		Mr. Hedges	Mr. Hume Cook
		Mr. Johnson	Mr. Mauger

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Crouch moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the consideration of proposed new clauses 6A, 7A, 7D, 7E, 123C.
Debate ensued.
Question—put.
And the voices having been given Mr. Speaker stated that the Ayes had it.
A division being called for, the bells were rung and the doors locked.
Members having taken their places and no Members voting with the Noes Mr. Speaker declared the question resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had considered the proposed new clauses referred to it and had agreed to the insertion of new clauses 6A and 123C.
Ordered—That the consideration of the Reports be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

4. ELECTORAL BILL (1909) (No. 2).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Fuller moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Mahon moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

5. REFERENDUM (CONSTITUTION ALTERATION) BILL (1909).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Fuller moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Chapman*, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Fowler, Colonel Foxton*, Mr. Knox, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Watson*, and Mr. Wilson.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 73.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 28TH OCTOBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPER.—Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to Statute—
   Papua—Ordinance of 1909—Gold-field Reward.

3. SUPPLY ["GRIEVANCE DAY"].—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—
   Question proposed—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
   Debate ensued.
   Question—put and negatived.
   Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SEAT OF GOVERNMENT ACCEPTANCE BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

   MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 22.*

   The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act relating to the Acceptance of the Territory surrendered by the State of New South Wales for the Seat of Government of the Commonwealth,*" and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

   A. J. GOULD,
   President.

   The Senate,
   Melbourne, 28th October, 1909.

5. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT ACCEPTANCE BILL.—Mr. Fuller moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to the Acceptance of the Territory surrendered by the State of New South Wales for the Seat of Government of the Commonwealth,*" be now read a first time.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
   Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

6. DEFENCE BILL (1909).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Reports from the Committee of the whole House on this Bill—Sir John Forrest moved, That the Reports be now adopted.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
   Sir John Forrest moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a third time.
   Debate ensued.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

7. ELECTORAL BILL (1909, No. 2).—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.
   Debate resumed.
   Mr. Catts moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
   Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
   Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at four minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Tilley Brown, Mr. Chapman*, Mr. Fowler, Colonel Foxton*, Mr. Knox, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Watson*.

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No. 74.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 29TH OCTOBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next, at half-past four o'clock p.m., or such time thereafter as Mr. Speaker may take the Chair.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Catts moved an amendment, That the word "Tuesday" be omitted from the motion, and that the word "Wednesday" be inserted in place thereof.

Debate continued.

Mr. Deakin moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 30.		Noes, 17.	
Mr. Archer	Mr. W. H. Irvine	Mr. Bamford	Mr. Spence
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Catts	Mr. Storrer
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Liddell	Mr. Coon	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Mauger	Mr. Fisher	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Edwards	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Webster
Sir Thomas Ewing	Sir John Quick	Mr. Maloney	
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Mathews	
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Dugald Thomson	Mr. McDonald	*Tellers.*
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Wilks	Mr. O'Malley	Mr. Frazer
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Willis	Mr. Page	Mr. Tudor
Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. Wilson		
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Wynne		
Mr. Groom			
Mr. Harper	*Tellers.*		
Mr. Hedges	Mr. Hume Cook		
Mr. Hans Irvine	Mr. Kelly		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question being accordingly put—That the word "Tuesday" proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Deakin claimed that the main question be put.

And the question being accordingly put—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next, at half-past four o'clock p.m., or such time thereafter as Mr. Speaker may take the Chair.

The House divided—

Ayes, 30.		Noes, 17.	
Mr. Archer	Mr. W. H. Irvine	Mr. Bamford	Mr. Spence
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Liddell	Mr. Catts	Mr. Storrer
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Maloney	Mr. Coon	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Mauger	Mr. Fisher	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Edwards	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Webster
Sir Thomas Ewing	Sir John Quick	Mr. Mahon	
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Mathews	
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Dugald Thomson	Mr. McDonald	*Tellers.*
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Wilks	Mr. O'Malley	Mr. Frazer
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Willis	Mr. Page	Mr. Tudor
Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. Wilson		
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Wynne		
Mr. Groom			
Mr. Harper	*Tellers.*		
Mr. Hedges	Mr. Hume Cook		
Mr. Hans Irvine	Mr. Kelly		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

3. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT ACCEPTANCE BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Fuller moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Mahon moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

4. ELECTORAL BILL (1909) (No. 2).—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate resumed.
Mr. Spence addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

5. PAPERS.—Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to Statute—
Papua—Ordinance of 1909, No. 8—Appeal.
The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk—
Buildings Rented, and Rents paid by Commonwealth—Return to an Order of the House, dated 14th October, 1909.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir John Forrest moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at two minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Tilley Brown, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Carr, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Chapman*, Mr. Frank J. Foster, Mr. R. W. Foster, Colonel Foxton*, Mr. Hall, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Knox, Mr. Livingston, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McDougall, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Sinclair, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. John Thomson, Mr. Watson*, and Mr. Wise.

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No. 75.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met at thirty-two minutes past four o'clock p.m. pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

DUDLEY,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 17.

A Bill intituled "*An Act relating to Telegraphic Communication in time of Emergency,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

30th October, 1909.

3. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT ACCEPTANCE BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 32.		Noes, 11.	
Mr. Archer	Mr. Mauger	Mr. Coon	Mr. Spence
Mr. Bowden	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Fowler	Mr. Storrer
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Mathews	
Mr. Deakin	Sir John Quick	Mr. McDougall	
Mr. Edwards	Mr. Sampson	Mr. O'Malley	*Tellers.*
Sir Thomas Ewing	Mr. Bruce Smith	Mr. Page	Mr. Bamford
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Thomas	Mr. Roberts	Mr. Crouch
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Tudor		
Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. Watkins		
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Webster		
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Wilks		
Mr. Groom	Mr. Willis		
Mr. Hall	Mr. Wilson		
Mr. Hedges			
Mr. Hughes	*Tellers.*		
Mr. Knox	Mr. Hume Cook		
Mr. Mahon	Mr. Kelly		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirty-four minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Tilley Brown, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Carr, Mr. Catts, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Chapman*, Mr. R. W. Foster, Colonel Foxton*, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Hans Irvine, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Liddell, Mr. Livingston, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Sinclair, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Mr. John Thomson, Mr. Watson*, and Mr. Wise.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD NOVEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (FINANCE) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
   Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

3. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
   Debate ensued.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chapman*, Colonel Foxton*, Mr. Hans Irvine, Sir William Lyne, and Mr. Watson*.

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No. 77.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (FINANCE) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight—

FRIDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER, 1909.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

3. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twelve minutes past one o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chapman*, Colonel Foxton*, Sir William Lyne, and Mr. Watson*.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Wilks rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "Certain public attacks made upon the Postal Commission."

Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—

Mr. Wilks moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—MARINE INSURANCE BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 23.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Marine Insurance,*" to which it has agreed with the amendments indicated in the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

A. J. GOULD,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 5th November, 1909.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith.

And the said amendments were read, and are as follow :—

SCHEDULE OF AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

No. 1.—Page 7, clause 28, line 18, after "evidence" insert "in an action for the recovery of a loss under the contract".

No. 2.—Page 23, clause 95, at commencement of clause insert "Where a policy in accordance with this Act has been issued".

On the motion of Mr. Glynn the House agreed to the amendments.

4. PAPER.—Mr. Joseph Cook presented, pursuant to Statute—

Defence Acts—Military Forces—Regulation No. 118 Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 122.

5. TIME OF MEETING ON WEDNESDAYS AND THURSDAYS.—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice, That on Wednesdays and Thursdays in each week the House shall, unless otherwise ordered, meet at eleven o'clock a.m.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. SUPPLY [SUPPLY BILL].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.
Mr. McDonald also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Sir John Forrest moved, pursuant to notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended in order to enable all steps to be taken to obtain Supply, and to pass a Supply Bill through all its stages without delay.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

8. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and is as follows:—

Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Three hundred and forty thousand nine hundred and twelve pounds be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year ending 30th June, 1910.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.

9. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.
Mr. McDonald also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

10. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.—The resolution reported from the Committee of Ways and Means was read, and is as follows:—

Resolved—That towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year ending 30th June, 1910, a sum not exceeding Three hundred and forty thousand nine hundred and twelve pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.
Ordered—That Sir John Forrest and Mr. Deakin do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

11. SUPPLY BILL (No. 4) 1909-10.—Sir John Forrest then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and ten,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.
On the motion of Sir John Forrest the House adopted the Report.
Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

12. PAPER.—Mr. Groom presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Inter-State Commerce—State Exclusion Laws—Opinion of Attorney-General on the question of.

Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at ten minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chapman*, Colonel Foxton*, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Watson*, and Mr. Wilson.

* On leave.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPER.—Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to Statute—

   Beer Excise Act—Regulation No. 15A Added (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 125.

3. ELECTORAL BILL (1909) (No. 2).—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—

   Debate resumed.

   Mr. Maloney addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

   Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

4. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (FINANCE) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

   Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

   Debate ensued.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chapman* Mr. Hughes, and Mr. Watson.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (FINANCE) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight—

THURSDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER, 1909.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same with an amendment.
Ordered—That the consideration of the Report be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 4) 1909-10.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 24.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and ten,*" to which it has agreed without requests.

A. J. GOULD,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 10th November, 1909.

4. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until three o'clock p.m., this day.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at half-past eight o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chapman* and Mr. Watson.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—PUBLIC SERVICE [COMMISSIONER'S SALARY, ETC.] BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

DUDLEY,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 18.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act relating to the salary of the Public Service Commissioner, Long Service Increments in the Fifth Class of the Clerical Division, and the Employment of Telegraph Messengers.

Melbourne, 10th November, 1909.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—WITNESS BEFORE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 25.

The Senate requests that the House of Representatives will give leave to the Hon. Hugh Mahon, a Member of such House, to attend if he think fit, and be examined as a witness before the Select Committee of the Senate on "Press Cable Service."

A. J. GOULD,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 11th November, 1909.

Mr. Deakin moved, That the House authorizes Mr. Mahon to attend accordingly if he thinks fit.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (FINANCE) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole House on this Bill—Mr. Deakin moved, That the Report be now adopted.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the third reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

5. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (STATE DEBTS) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the third reading of this Bill—Mr. Deakin moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Sir John Quick moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

6. ELECTORAL BILL (1909) (No. 2).—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

DUDLEY,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 19.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and ten,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

11th November, 1909.

8. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (STATE DEBTS) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a third time—

Question—put.

And no Members voting with the "Noes," and the following Members voting with the "Ayes":—

Ayes, 51.

Mr. Archer	Mr. Frazer	Sir John Quick
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Fuller	Sir George Reid
Mr. Bowden	Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. Glynn	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Carr	Mr. Groom	Mr. Spence
Mr. Catts	Mr. Hedges	Mr. Storrer
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Hans Irvine	Mr. Dugald Thomson
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Kelly	Mr. John Thomson
Mr. Coon	Mr. Liddell	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Livingston	Mr. Watkins
Sir Thomas Ewing	Mr. Mahon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Wise
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Mauger	Mr. Wynne
Sir John Forrest	Mr. McDonald	
Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. McDougall	
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. McWilliams	*Tellers.*
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Hume Cook
Colonel Foxton	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Hutchison

—the question—That the Bill be now read a third time—was resolved in the affirmative by an absolute majority of the House.

Bill accordingly read a third time.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at ten minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chapman*, Mr. Knox, and Mr. Watson.

* On leave.

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No. 82.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 12TH NOVEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (FINANCE) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the third reading of this Bill—Mr. Deakin moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Deakin moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 36.		Noes, 27.	
Mr. Archer	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Bamford	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Knox	Mr. Batchelor	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Liddell	Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. McDougall
Mr. Tilley Brown	Mr. Livingston	Mr. Carr	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Mauger	Mr. Catts	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Deakin	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Chanter	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Edwards	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Coon	Mr. Spence
Sir Thomas Ewing	Sir John Quick	Mr. Fisher	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Fairbairn	Sir George Reid	Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. Willis
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Frazer	Mr. Wise
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Hall	
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Storrer	Mr. Hughes	
Colonel Foxton	Mr. Dugald Thomson	Mr. Hutchison	*Tellers.*
Mr. Fuller	Mr. John Thomson	Mr. Mahon	Mr. Tudor
Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. Wilson	Mr. Maloney	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Glynn			
Mr. Groom	*Tellers.*		
Mr. Hedges	Mr. Hume Cook		
Mr. Hans Irvine	Mr. Crouch		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question being accordingly put—That the Bill be now read a third time—

The House divided—

Ayes, 39.		Noes, 27.	
Mr. Archer	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Bamford	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Knox	Mr. Batchelor	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Liddell	Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. McDougall
Mr. Tilley Brown	Mr. Livingston	Mr. Carr	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Mauger	Mr. Catts	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Crouch	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Chanter	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Coon	Mr. Spence
Mr. Edwards	Sir John Quick	Mr. Fisher	Mr. Thomas
Sir Thomas Ewing	Sir George Reid	Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. Willis
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Frazer	Mr. Wise
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Hall	
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Storrer	Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Dugald Thomson	Mr. Hutchison	*Tellers.*
Colonel Foxton	Mr. John Thomson	Mr. Mahon	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Wilson	Mr. Maloney	Mr. Watkins
Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. Wynne		
Mr. Glynn			
Mr. Groom			
Mr. Hedges	*Tellers.*		
Mr. Hans Irvine	Mr. Hume Cook		
Mr. W. H. Irvine	Mr. Kelly		

And so the question—That the Bill be now read a third time—was resolved in the affirmative by an absolute majority of the House.

Bill accordingly read a third time.

3. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

And an honorable Member rising to address the House—

Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 33.		Noes, 26.	
Mr. Archer	Mr. Hans Irvine	Mr. Bamford	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Batchelor	Mr. McDougall
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Knox	Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Tilley Brown	Mr. Liddell	Mr. Catts	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Livingston	Mr. Chanter	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Mauger	Mr. Fisher	Mr. Spence
Mr. Deakin	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Edwards	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Frazer	Mr. Tudor
Sir Thomas Ewing	Sir John Quick	Mr. Hall	Mr. Watkins
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Wise
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Hutchison	
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Storrer	Mr. Mahon	*Tellers.*
Colonel Foxton	Mr. Dugald Thomson	Mr. Maloney	Mr. Coon
Mr. Fuller		Mr. Mathews	Mr. Willis
Sir Philip Fysh			
Mr. Glynn	*Tellers.*		
Mr. Groom	Mr. Hume Cook		
Mr. Hedges	Mr. Wilson		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question being accordingly put—That the House do now adjourn—

The House divided—

Ayes, 35.		Noes, 26.	
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. W. H. Irvine	Mr. Bamford	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Batchelor	Mr. McDougall
Mr. Tilley Brown	Mr. Knox	Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Livingston	Mr. Catts	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Coon	Mr. Mauger	Mr. Chanter	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Crouch	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Fisher	Mr. Spence
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Edwards	Sir John Quick	Mr. Frazer	Mr. Tudor
Sir Thomas Ewing	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Hall	Mr. Watkins
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Wise
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Storrer	Mr. Hutchison	
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Dugald Thomson	Mr. Mahon	*Tellers.*
Colonel Foxton	Mr. John Thomson	Mr. Maloney	Mr. Liddell
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Wilson	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Willis
Sir Philip Fysh			
Mr. Glynn			
Mr. Groom	*Tellers.*		
Mr. Hedges	Mr. Archer		
Mr. Hans Irvine	Mr. Hume Cook		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twelve minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chapman*, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Page, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Webster.

* On leave.

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No. 83.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

DUDLEY,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 20.

A Bill intituled "*An Act relating to Marine Insurance*", as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

11th November, 1909.

3. PRIVILEGE—CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (FINANCE) BILL.—Mr. Hall, as a matter of privilege, called attention to the record in the *Votes and Proceedings* of the last day of sitting. He stated that Mr. Deakin did not move the third reading of the Constitution Alteration (Finance) Bill, as recorded, but that the question was put from the Chair upon the initiative of Mr. Speaker. Mr Hall also contended that the provisions of the Constitution had not been complied with in an important point, as no question had been put after the third reading, "That the Bill do now pass".

And certain honorable Members having addressed the House on the subject—

Mr. Speaker ruled—That, as regards the first point, it was the practice in this House, and in the House of Commons, to take such formal motions as being moved by the Minister in charge on his rising in his place when the Order of the Day is called on, to show that he desired the motion to be taken. He thought, however, it might be well in future to submit such motions in a more formal manner.

As regards the fact that no motion was put "That the Bill do now pass", he pointed out that our Standing Order 186 provides that after the third reading no further question shall be put, and the Bill shall be deemed to have passed the House. The third reading of the Bill was thus made the passing of the Bill. The practice of the House of Commons was similar, and that procedure had always been followed in the House of Representatives.

4. NORTHERN TERRITORY ACCEPTANCE BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.

On the motion of Mr. Groom, the House adopted the Report.

Ordered—That the third reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

5. Northern Territory Acceptance Bill.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 10.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.

Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.

And thereupon the said resolution was read, and is as follows:—

Resolved—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the Acceptance of the Northern Territory as a Territory under the Authority of the Commonwealth and for the carrying out of the Agreement for the Surrender and Acceptance.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.

6. Papers.—Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to Statute—

Customs Act—Regulations under (Consolidated)—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 126.

Mr. Fuller presented, pursuant to Statute—

Census and Statistics Act—
Official Bulletins—
Population and Vital Statistics—No. 16—Quarter ended 30th June, 1909.
Trade, Shipping, Oversea Migration, and Finance—No. 32—August, 1909.
Shipping and Oversea Migration, 1908.
Trade and Customs and Excise Revenue, 1908.

7. Electoral Bill (1909) (No. 2).—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. Adjournment.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at seventeen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Archer, Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Chapman, Sir Thomas Ewing, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Hughes, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McWilliams, Sir George Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Spence, Mr. Storrer, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Webster.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Frazer rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The Administration of the Immigration Contract Act in Western Australia."

Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—

Mr. Frazer moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

3. NORTHERN TERRITORY ACCEPTANCE BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the third reading of this Bill—Mr. Kelly moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the consideration of a new clause providing that the Bill shall not become law until a majority of the electors of the Commonwealth voting at a Referendum shall have endorsed the terms contained in the Bill for the transfer of the Northern Territory.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 24.		Noes, 16.	
Mr. Carr	Mr. Maloney	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Tilley Brown	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Coon	Mr. McDougall	Mr. Catts	Mr. Bruce Smith
Mr. Deakin	Sir John Quick	Mr. Hedges	Mr. Dugald Thomson
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Roberts	Mr. Hans Irvine	Mr. Wilks
Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. Thomas	Mr. Liddell	
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. John Thomson	Mr. Mahon	*Tellers.*
Mr. Frazer	Mr. Watkins	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Crouch
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Willis	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Groom			
Mr. Hall	*Tellers.*		
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Hume Cook		
Mr. Livingston	Mr. Poynton		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

4. PAPER.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Naval and Military Defence of the Empire—Conference with Representatives of the Self-governing Dominions—1909.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-six minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Archer, Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Chapman, Sir Thomas Ewing, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, Mr. W. H. Irvine, Mr. Knox, Sir William Lyne, Sir George Reid, Mr. Spence, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Webster.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

THURSDAY, 18TH NOVEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND BUILDINGS, 1907-8.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

DUDLEY,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 21.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and eight, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

18th November, 1909.

DUDLEY,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 22.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and eight, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

18th November, 1909.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply.

3. SUPPLY ["GRIEVANCE DAY"].—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—
Question proposed—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. ELECTORAL BILL (1909) (No. 2).—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at a quarter past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Archer, Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Chapman, Sir Thomas Ewing, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Hughes, Mr. W. H. Irvine, Sir William Lyne, Sir George Reid, Mr. Spence, Mr. Watson, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Wilson.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PRINTING COMMITTEE—FIFTH REPORT FROM.—Mr. Hutchison, Chairman, brought up the Fifth Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate).

The Report was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the undermentioned Petitions and Papers presented to Parliament, make the following recommendations :—

Subject of Paper.	Recommendation of Committee.	Remarks.
Petitions—		
Defence—Praying for sub-department of State to devise methods of cultivating international friendliness; limitation of armaments, &c.—From certain citizens of Commonwealth	No recommendation	
Defence Bill—Against compulsory military training—From Woman's Christian Temperance Union—		
New South Wales	,,	
South Australia	,,	
Old-age Pensions—Praying that coloured subjects of the King may not be disqualified from receiving—		
From Women's Liberal League of New South Wales	,,	
From Wagga Branch of Women's Liberal League	,,	
State Governments and Parliaments—Praying for abolition of—From Electors of the Senate	,,	
Sugar Industry—Praying for Royal Commission to be appointed *re* position of cane-growers, &c.—From cane-sugar growers of Australia	,,	
Papers—		
Asiatics in Australia—Particulars *re*	,,	
Audit Acts—Statutory Rules 1909, Nos. 107 and 114	,,	Already in print and circulated to Members
Beer Excise Act—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 125 ...	,,	,,
Buildings Rented and Rents Paid by Commonwealth—Return	,,	
Census and Statistics Act—		
Official Bulletins—		
Population and Vital Statistics—No. 16 ...	,,	Already in print and circulated to Members
Trade, Shipping, Oversea Migration, and Finance, No. 32	,,	,, ,,
Shipping and Oversea Migration, 1908... ...	,,	,, ,,
Trade and Customs and Excise Revenue, 1908 ...	,,	,, ,,
Statutory Rules 1909, No. 121	,,	,, ,,

REPORT—*continued.*

Subject of Paper.	Recommendation of Committee.	Remarks.
Papers—*continued.*		
Customs Act—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 126 ...	No recommendation	Already in print and circulated to Members
Federal Capital—Agreement between Commonwealth and New South Wales	,,	
Defence—		
Cadet Battalions in New South Wales—Particulars *re*—Return	,,	
Naval College—Letter from Lord Mayor of Sydney to Prime Minister	To be printed	
Defence Acts—Statutory Rules 1909, Nos. 117, 118, and 122	No recommendation	Already in print and circulated to Members
Fisheries—Report of Director *re* experiments carried out by F.I.S. *Endeavour*	To be printed	,,
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at—		
Ararat	No recommendation	Published in *Gazette*
Beeac		
Port Melbourne		
Raymond Terrace		
Papua—Ordinances of 1909—		
Nos. 4, 8, 12; and Gold-field Reward ...	To be printed	
Papua—Report on Progress of Territory by Hon. Staniforth Smith, 25th September, 1909	No recommendation	
Post and Telegraph Department, Queensland—Fines and Offences 1908-9—Return	,,	
Public Service Act—Statutory Rules 1909, Nos. 119 and 120	,,	Already in print and circulated to Members
Spirits Act—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 112 ...	,,	
Standing Orders Committee—Fifth Report of the President's decisions	,,	
Sugar Bounty Act—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 113	,,	Already in print and circulated to Members

Committee Room,
18th November, 1909.

J. HUTCHISON,
Chairman.

Mr. Hutchison moved, by leave, That the Report be adopted.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

3. ELECTORAL BILL (1909) (No. 2).—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fuller moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at seventeen minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next, at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Archer, Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Chapman, Sir Thomas Ewing, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Frank J. Foster, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Knox, Mr. Livingston, Sir William Lyne, Sir George Reid, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Sampson, Mr. Spence, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Wilson.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PETITION FROM SUGAR CANE-GROWERS.—Mr. Edwards moved, by leave, That the Petition from certain Sugar Cane-growers, presented to this House on 21st October last, be printed.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

3. ELECTORAL DIVISION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA—PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION.—Mr. Fuller moved, pursuant to notice, That the House of Representatives approves of the distribution of the State of Western Australia into Electoral Divisions, as proposed by Mr. M. A. C. Fraser, the Commissioner for the purpose of distributing the said State into Electoral Divisions, in his Report laid before Parliament on the 15th day of October, 1909.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Fuller moved, That the question be now put.
Question—That the question be now put—put and resolved in the affirmative.
And the question being accordingly put—That the House of Representatives approves of the distribution of the State of Western Australia into Electoral Divisions, as proposed by Mr. M. A. C. Fraser, the Commissioner for the purpose of distributing the said State into Electoral Divisions, in his Report laid before Parliament on the 15th day of October, 1909—
The House divided—

Ayes, 18.		Noes, 26.	
Mr. Bamford	Mr. O'Malley	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Liddell
Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. Storrer	Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Carr	Mr. Thomas	Mr. Crouch	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Catts	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Deakin	Sir John Quick
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Webster	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Frazer	Mr. Wise	Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Fuller		Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Bruce Smith
Mr. Maloney	*Tellers.*	Mr. Fowler	Mr. Dugald Thomson
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Hutchison	Colonel Foxton	Mr. John Thomson
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Tudor	Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. Wilson
		Mr. Glynn	
		Mr. Harper	*Tellers.*
		Mr. Hans Irvine	Mr. Hume Cook
		Mr. Johnson	Mr. Kelly

And so it passed in the negative.

4. PAPERS.—Sir John Quick presented, pursuant to Statute—
Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations Amended—
Postal Regulation No. 7; Telegraphic Regulation No. 17—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 123.
Telegrams beyond the Commonwealth—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 124.
The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—
Sugar Mills—Coloured Aliens employed—Return to an Order of the House dated 20th October, 1909.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

And the honorable the Prime Minister (Mr. Deakin) addressing the House, in reply—

Mr. Webster moved, That the honorable the Prime Minister (Mr. Deakin) be not further heard.

Question—That the honorable the Prime Minister (Mr. Deakin) be not further heard—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 30.		Noes, 10.	
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Batchelor	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Catts	
Mr. Fairbairn	Sir John Quick	Mr. Coon	*Tellers.*
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Fisher	Mr. Thomas
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Frazer	Mr. Tudor
Colonel Foxton	Mr. Bruce Smith		
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Storrer		
Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. Dugald Thomson		
Mr. Glynn	Mr. John Thomson		
Mr. Harper	Mr. Webster		
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Wilson		
Mr. Hans Irvine			
Mr. Johnson	*Tellers.*		
Mr. Kelly	Mr. Hume Cook		
Mr. Liddell	Mr. Crouch		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question, That the House do now adjourn—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirty-one minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Archer, Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Chapman, Sir Thomas Ewing, Mr. Frank J. Foster, Mr. Hall, Mr. Hughes Sir William Lyne, Mr. Mahon, Sir George Reid, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Willis.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPERS.—Mr. Joseph Cook presented, pursuant to Statute—

Defence Acts—Naval Forces—

Regulations Amended (Provisional)—Nos. 38A, 47A to 47D, 100A—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 128.

Financial and Allowance Regulations Amended (Provisional)—Nos. 49, 50, 50B—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 127.

3. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered, after debate, that other business be postponed until after the consideration of Notice of Motion, No. 1, Government Business.

4. NAVAL DEFENCE—SCHEME OF IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, pursuant to notice, That this House approves the new scheme of Naval Defence adopted at the recent Imperial Conference, and is of opinion that immediate steps should be taken to provide the proposed Australian unit of the Eastern Fleet of the Empire.

And while Mr. Joseph Cook was addressing the House—

Mr. Webster moved, That the honorable the Minister for Defence (Mr. Joseph Cook) be not further heard.

Question—That the honorable the Minister for Defence (Mr. Joseph Cook) be not further heard—put.

Mr. Speaker appointed as Tellers for the "Ayes" Mr. Webster and Mr. Hutchison, and the latter Member asking to be relieved, he then appointed Mr. Catts in his place, and Mr. Catts also asking to be excused, the Speaker then appointed Mr. Coon, who was voting with the "Noes."

The House divided—

Ayes, 3.		Noes, 38.	
Mr. Catts	*Tellers.*	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Kelly
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Webster	Mr. Batchelor	Mr. Knox
	[Mr. Coon who voted with the "Noes."]	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Livingston
		Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. Mauger
		Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. McDonald
		Mr. Coon	Mr. McWilliams
		Mr. Deakin	Mr. O'Malley
		Mr. Edwards	Mr. Palmer
		Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Poynton
		Mr. Fisher	Sir John Quick
		Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sampson
		Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Sinclair
		Mr. Fowler	Mr. Bruce Smith
		Colonel Foxton	Mr. Dugald Thomson
		Mr. Fuller	Mr. John Thomson
		Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. Tudor
		Mr. Glynn	
		Mr. Groom	*Tellers.*
		Mr. Hans Irvine	Mr. Hume Cook
		Mr. Johnson	Mr. Wilks

And so it passed in the negative.

Point of Order.—Mr. Thomas Brown raised a point of order, as to whether the appointment of a Member who was voting on one side, to act as Teller for the other side, was in order.

Mr. Speaker stated that the Standing Order which governs the appointment of Tellers does not state the side of the House from which they are to be appointed. Some honorable Members had adopted the unusual course of refusing to act when appointed Tellers. He had therefore exercised his discretion and had taken the best method of rescuing the House from the difficulty in which it was placed.

Mr. Joseph Cook resumed his speech—

Mr. Webster again moved, That the honorable the Minister for Defence (Mr. Joseph Cook) be not further heard.

Question—That the honorable the Minister for Defence (Mr. Joseph Cook) be not further heard—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 3.

Mr. Catts	*Tellers.*
	Mr. Hutchison
	Mr. Webster

Noes, 36.

Mr. Batchelor	Mr. Knox
Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Mauger
Mr. Coon	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Deakin	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Edwards	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Poynton
Sir John Forrest	Sir John Quick
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Sinclair
Colonel Foxton	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Dugald Thomson
Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. John Thomson
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Hans Irvine	*Tellers.*
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Bowden
Mr. Kelly	Mr. Hume Cook

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the question be now put.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the original motion had not yet been proposed from the Chair, and the motion for closure could not therefore be applied to it.

Mr. Joseph Cook thereupon concluded his speech on the original motion, and the question thereon having been proposed from the Chair—

Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Kelly
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Knox
Mr. Coon	Mr. Liddell
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Edwards	Mr. Mauger
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. McWilliams
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Palmer
Mr. R. W. Foster	Sir John Quick
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Sampson
Colonel Foxton	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Bruce Smith
Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. Dugald Thomson
Mr. Glynn	Mr. John Thomson
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Hans Irvine	*Tellers.*
Mr. W. H. Irvine	Mr. Bowden
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Hume Cook

Noes, 18.

Mr. Batchelor	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Carr	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Catts	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Webster
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Wise
Mr. Mathews	
Mr. McDonald	*Tellers.*
Mr. O'Malley	Mr. Frazer
Mr. Page	Mr. Watkins

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question being accordingly put—That this House approves the new scheme of Naval Defence adopted at the recent Imperial Conference, and is of opinion that immediate steps should be taken to provide the proposed Australian unit of the Eastern Fleet of the Empire.

The House divided—

Ayes, 39.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Batchelor	Mr. Kelly
Mr. Carr	Mr. Knox
Mr. Catts	Mr. Liddell
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Coon	Mr. Mauger
Mr. Deakin	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Edwards	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Fairbairn	Sir John Quick
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Sampson
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Bruce Smith
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Dugald Thomson
Colonel Foxton	Mr. John Thomson
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Watkins
Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. Wise
Mr. Glynn	
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Hutchison	*Tellers.*
Mr. Hans Irvine	Mr. Bowden
Mr. W. H. Irvine	Mr. Hume Cook

Noes, 9.

Mr. Frazer	Mr. Webster
Mr. Mathews	
Mr. O'Malley	*Tellers.*
Mr. Page	Mr. Maloney
Mr. Thomas	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Tudor	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

5. ELECTORAL BILL (1909) (No. 2).—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same with amendments.
Ordered—That the consideration of the Report be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at two minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Archer, Mr. Tilley Brown, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Chapman, Sir Thomas Ewing, Mr. Frank J. Foster, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Mahon, Mr. McDougall, Sir George Reid, and Mr. Watson.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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THURSDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL ["INCOME"].—Sir John Forrest moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the definition of the word Income in the *Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act* 1908.
   Debate ensued.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
   Sir John Forrest then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the definition of the word Income in the 'Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act* 1908'", and moved, That it be now read a first time.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
   Sir John Forrest moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
   Debate ensued.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
   Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Johnson reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.
   On the motion of Sir John Forrest the House adopted the Report.
   Sir John Forrest moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a third time.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

3. DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.—On the motion of Mr. Deakin, seconded by Mr. Fisher, His Excellency the Governor-Designate of Queensland (Sir William MacGregor, G.C.M.G., C.B.) was provided with a seat on the floor of the House.

4. ELECTORAL BILL (1909) (No. 2).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole House on this Bill—Mr. Fuller moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clause 17, paragraph 109A (*a*), clause 19, paragraph 138 (1), and clause 33, paragraph 4.
   And new clause 27A having been, on the motion of Mr. Frazer, added to the clauses proposed to be recommitted—
   Question—That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clause 17, paragraph 109A (*a*), clause 19, paragraph 138 (1), new clause 27A, and clause 33, paragraph 4—put and resolved in the affirmative.
   Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had reconsidered the portions of the Bill referred to it and had agreed to the same with further amendments.
   Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.
   Debate ensued.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
   On the motion of Mr. Fuller the House adopted the Reports.
   Mr. Fuller moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
   Debate ensued.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

5. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT ACCEPTANCE BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirteen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Archer, Mr. Tilley Brown, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Chapman, Sir Thomas Ewing, Mr. Frank J. Foster, Mr. Hughes, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McDougall, Sir George Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Wilks.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT ACCEPTANCE BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same without amendment.
On the motion of Mr. Fuller the House adopted the Report.
Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stage to be passed without delay.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Fuller moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—OFFICERS COMPENSATION BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

DUDLEY,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 23.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of money be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for Compensation to be paid on Retirement or on Decease of certain Officers of the Commonwealth.

Melbourne, 26th November, 1909.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

4. PUBLIC SERVICE [COMMISSIONER'S SALARY, ETC.] BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 18—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Johnson reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.
Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.
And thereupon the said resolution was read, and is as follows:—

Resolved—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act relating to the salary of the Public Service Commissioner, Long Service Increments in the Fifth Class of the Clerical Division, and the Employment of Telegraph Messengers.

And the said Resolution was adopted by the House.
Ordered—That Mr. Fuller and Mr. Glynn do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.
Mr. Fuller then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to the salary of the Public Service Commissioner, Long Service Increments in the Fifth Class of the Clerical Division, and the Employment of Telegraph Messengers,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the day for Tuesday next.

5. Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Bill (1909).—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Johnson reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.

On the motion of Mr. Fuller the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stage to be passed without delay.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Fuller moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

6. High Commissioner Bill—Senate's Amendments.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendments made by the Senate in this Bill—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. Message from His Excellency the Governor-General.—Naval Loan Bill.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

DUDLEY,
Governor-General.

Message No. 24.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenues and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the raising and expending of the sum of Three million five hundred thousand pounds for the purposes of Naval Defence.

Melbourne, 26th November, 1909.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

8. Adjournment.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at eleven minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next, at three o'clock p.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Archer, Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Tilley Brown, Mr. Chapman, Sir Thomas Ewing, Mr. Frank J. Foster, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. W. H. Irvine, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McDougall, Mr. Poynton, Sir George Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilks, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Wynne.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPER.—Mr. Fuller presented, pursuant to statute—

Public Service Act—Recommendation in connexion with the promotion of W. A. Maguire, clerk, Public Service Commissioner's Office.

3. NAVAL LOAN BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 24—

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.

Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.

And thereupon the said resolution was read, and is as follows :—

Resolved—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenues and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the raising and expending of the sum of Three million five hundred thousand pounds for the purposes of Naval Defence.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir John Forrest and Mr. Joseph Cook do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Sir John Forrest then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to authorize the raising and expending of the sum of Three million five hundred thousand pounds for the purposes of Naval Defence,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

4. OFFICERS COMPENSATION BILL (1909).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 23—

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.

Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.

And thereupon the said resolution was read, and is as follows :—

Resolved—That it is expedient that an appropriation of money be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for Compensation to be paid on Retirement or on Decease of certain Officers of the Commonwealth.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.

Ordered that Sir John Forrest and Mr. Glynn do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Sir John Forrest then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide for Compensation to be paid on Retirement or on Decease of certain Officers of the Commonwealth,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

5. PUBLIC SERVICE [COMMISSIONER'S SALARY, ETC.] BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Fuller moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same with an amendment.
Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
On the motion of Mr. Fuller the House adopted the Report.
Mr. Fuller moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at two minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Archer, Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Carr, Mr. Catts, Mr. Chapman, Sir Thomas Ewing, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Livingston, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Page, Sir George Reid, Mr. Sampson, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Wilson.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 1st DECEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. Surplus Revenue Bill (1909).—Sir John Forrest moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the Surplus Revenue of the Commonwealth.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
   Sir John Forrest then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to the Surplus Revenue of the Commonwealth,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
   Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

3. Naval Loan Bill.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
   Mr. Fisher moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
   Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
   Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

4. High Commissioner Bill—Senate's Amendments.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendments made by the Senate in this Bill—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had dealt with the Amendments as follows:—

   Schedule of the Amendments made by the Senate, to which the Committee has Agreed.

   No. 1.—Page 2, clause 5, line 1, leave out "Subject to the consent of the Governor-General".

   No. 2.—Page 2, clause 5, lines 4 and 5, leave out "at the request of the Governments of the several States", insert "if the Governor-General so directs".

   No. 3.—Page 2, clause 5, lines 7-9, leave out "and shall perform the same without discrimination or preference, or to the advantage or disadvantage of any State as regards another State."

   No. 4.—Page 2, clause 7, lines 19 and 20, leave out "except as prescribed or allowed by the Minister".

   No. 6.—Page 2, clause 7, line 22, leave out "office or".

   Schedule of an Amendment made by the Senate, to which the Committee has not Agreed, but has instead made an Amendment in the Clause.

   No. 5.—Page 2, clause 7, line 22, after "hold" insert "or exercise".

   Amendment not agreed to, but in place thereof the following amendment made in the clause, viz.:—Line 22, after "employment" insert "or engage in any business,".

   On the motion of Mr. Groom, the House, after debate, adopted the Report.

5. Postponement of Order of the Day.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 3, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 4.

6. Bills of Exchange Bill.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
   Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. Message from the Senate.—Electoral Bill 1909 (No. 2).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

Mr. Speaker, *Message No.* 26.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the Law relating to Parliamentary Elections*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to amendments Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7 made by the House of Representatives therein, and has agreed to amendment No. 6 with the amendment indicated in the annexed Schedule.

The Senate desires the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment to amendment No. 6.

A. J. Gould,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 30th November, 1909.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith.
And the said amendment was read, and is as follows :—

Schedule of the Amendment of the House of Representatives to which the Senate has agreed with an Amendment.

No. 6.—Page 11, after clause 31, insert new clause :—

31A. After section one hundred and eighty-two DD of the Principal Act the following section is inserted :—

"182E.—(1.) Any person who at any public meeting to which this section applies acts in a disorderly manner for the purpose of preventing the transaction of the business for which the meeting is held shall be guilty of an offence against this Act. Disorderly behaviour at meeting.

Penalty : Five pounds or one month's imprisonment in some house of detention more than seven miles from the polling place for the Division for which he is enrolled. Cf. Edw. 7, c. 66, s. 1.

(2.) This section applies to any lawful public political meeting held in relation to any election of members of the Parliament between the date of the issue of the writ for the election and the date of the return of the writ."

Amendment to insert new clause agreed to with the following amendment, viz.:—

In line 2 of the Penalty, leave out "the" (first occurring) insert "any."

On the motion of Mr. Glynn, the House agreed to the amendment made by the Senate.

8. Naval Loan Bill.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Kelly moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

9. Message from the Senate.—Constitution Alteration (Finance) Bill.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

Mr. Speaker, *Message No.* 27.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution relating to Finance*," to which it has agreed without amendment.

A. J. Gould,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 1st December, 1909.

10. Message from the Senate—Constitution Alteration (State Debts) Bill.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

Mr. Speaker, *Message No.* 28.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution relating to the Public Debts of the States*," to which it has agreed without amendment.

A. J. Gould,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 1st December, 1909.

11. Adjournment.—Sir John Forrest moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-six minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Archer, Mr. Carr, Mr. Chapman, Sir Thomas Ewing, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Livingston, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Page, Sir George Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Wilson.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 2ND DECEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPER.—Sir John Quick presented, pursuant to Statute—

   Post and Telegraph Act—Regulation Amended—Telegraphic Regulations—Transmission of Telegrams by Telephone—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 115.

3. NAVAL LOAN BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—

   Debate resumed.

   Question—put.

   The House divided—

Ayes, 25.		Noes, 18.	
Mr. Archer	Mr. Hans Irvine	Mr. Batchelor	Mr. Spence
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Liddell	Mr. Catts	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mauger	Mr. Fisher	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. Watson
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Frazer	Mr. Webster
Mr. Fairbairn	Sir John Quick	Mr. Hall	Mr. Wise
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Mahon	
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. John Thomson	Mr. McDougall	*Tellers.*
Colonel Foxton	Mr. Wynne	Mr. O'Malley	Mr. Thomas Brown
Mr. Fuller		Mr. Poynton	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Glynn			
Mr. Groom	*Tellers.*		
Mr. Harper	Mr. Hume Cook		
Mr. Hedges	Mr. Crouch		

   And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

   Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

   Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—HIGH COMMISSIONER BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

   MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 29.

   The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the Office of High Commissioner of the Commonwealth in the United Kingdom,*" and acquaints the House of Representatives that the Senate does not insist upon its amendment No. 5, disagreed to by the House of Representatives, and agrees to the amendment made by the House of Representatives in clause 7, in lieu thereof.

   A. J. GOULD,
   President.

   The Senate,
   Melbourne, 2nd December 1909.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at half-past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Carr, Mr. Chapman, Sir Thomas Ewing, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Livingston, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Page, Sir George Reid, Mr. Sinclair, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Wilson.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 3RD DECEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. ADDITIONAL DAYS AND ALTERATION OF HOUR OF MEETING.—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice, That, for the remainder of the Session, unless otherwise ordered, the House shall meet, in addition to the present sitting days, on Mondays and Saturdays, and that the hour of meeting each day shall be eleven o'clock a.m.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Deakin moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And the question being accordingly put—That, for the remainder of the Session, unless otherwise ordered, the House shall meet, in addition to the present sitting days, on Mondays and Saturdays, and that the hour of meeting each day shall be eleven o'clock a.m.—

The House divided—

Ayes, 29.		Noes, 15.	
Mr. Archer	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Bamford	Mr. Spence
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Batchelor	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Liddell	Mr. Catts	Mr. Webster
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Mauger	Mr. Fisher	Mr. Wise
Mr. Crouch	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Maloney	
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Palmer	Mr. McDonald	
Mr. Edwards	Sir John Quick	Mr. O'Malley	*Tellers.*
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Frank J. Foster
Sir John Forrest	Mr. John Thomson	Mr. Roberts	Mr. Frazer
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Wilks		
Colonel Foxton	Mr. Willis		
Mr. Fuller			
Mr. Glynn			
Mr. Groom	*Tellers.*		
Mr. Hedges	Mr. Hume Cook		
Mr. Hans Irvine	Mr. Storrer		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS ["INCOME"] BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 30.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the definition of the word Income in the 'Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act* 1908,'" to which it has agreed without amendment.

A. J. GOULD,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 3rd December 1909.

4. NAVAL LOAN BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same with amendments.
Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
On the motion of Sir John Forrest the House adopted the Report.
Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—DEFENCE BILL (1909).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 31.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Naval and Military Defence*," to which it has agreed with the amendments indicated in the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

A. J. GOULD,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 3rd December, 1909.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

6. SURPLUS REVENUE BILL (1909).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill, Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put.
The House divided—

Ayes, 22.		Noes, 11.	
Mr. Archer	Mr. W. H. Irvine	Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. Webster
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Liddell	Mr. Crouch	Mr. Wise
Mr. Coon	Mr. Mauger	Mr. McDonald	
Mr. Deakin	Sir John Quick	Mr. McDougall	
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Poynton	*Tellers.*
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Storrer	Mr. Spence	Mr. Frazer
Colonel Foxton	Mr. John Thomson	Mr. Thomas	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Wilks		
Mr. Glynn			
Mr. Groom	*Tellers.*		
Mr. Harper	Mr. Bowden		
Mr. Hedges	Mr. Hume Cook		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Crouch reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
On the motion of Sir John Forrest the House adopted the Report.
Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3, 4, and 5 be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 6.

8. SEAMEN'S COMPENSATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Glynn moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Crouch reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same with an amendment.
Mr. Glynn moved, pursuant to contingent notice given by Mr. Deakin, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
On the motion of Mr. Glynn the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Glynn moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-eight minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Carr, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Chapman, Sir Thomas Ewing, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Livingston, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Page, Sir George Reid, Mr. Sinclair, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Wilson.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SATURDAY, 4TH DECEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Poynton rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The present unsatisfactory position of the Northern Territory."

Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—

Mr. Poynton moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

3. DEFENCE BILL (1909)—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendments made by the Senate in this Bill—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had dealt with the Amendments as follows:—

SCHEDULE OF AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE TO WHICH THE COMMITTEE HAS AGREED.

No. 3.—Page 3, clause 10, line 14, leave out "section", insert "sections".

No. 4.—Page 3, clause 10, line 15, after "fifty-nine" insert "seventy-five and one hundred and twenty-four".

No. 5.—Page 3, clause 11, line 22, before "section" insert "sub-".

No. 6.—Page 4, clause 12, lines 4, 5, and 6, leave out "in physical drill, elementary marching drill, and the use of miniature rifles. The training shall be carried out in the manner and at the times", insert "as".

No. 7.—Page 4, clause 13, at end of clause add the following new sub-section:—

"(3) All appointments in the Department of Defence (other than such appointments to the Central Staff as ought in the opinion of the Governor-General to be under the *Commonwealth Public Service Act* 1902) shall be appointments in the Naval or Military Defence Forces, and members of the Permanent Naval or Military Forces who have served not less than five years therein shall, in cases of equality of qualifications, have preference over other applicants for those appointments."

No. 8.—Page 5, after clause 16, insert the following new clause:—

"16A. (1) Section seventy-nine of the Principal Act is amended—

(*a*) by omitting therefrom the words "deliver up the article to any officer, or in default to pay its value to such officer," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "be imprisoned for a period not exceeding three months unless in the meantime he delivers up the article or pays its value"; and

(*b*) by adding thereto the following sub-sections:—

'(2.) When an order has been made under this section the Court may by warrant in writing authorize any member of the Police Force of the Commonwealth or of a State or part of the Commonwealth to take possession of the article and to deliver it to an officer or as the Court thinks fit to direct.

'(3.) Any member of the Police Force of the Commonwealth or of a State or part of the Commonwealth having any warrant under this section may in the day time enter any building, premises, or place where the article is or is supposed to be, and may break open any part of the building, premises, or place, or any chest, receptacle, or thing therein, and may seize or take possession of the article and deliver it in accordance with the warrant'".

No. 9.—Page 5, clause 17, line 15, after "supplied" insert "and no person shall have such intoxicating or spirituous liquors in his possession".

No. 10.—Page 5, clause 17, line 15, after "post" insert "during such time as training of persons as prescribed in paragraphs (*a*), (*b*), and (*c*), of section one hundred and twenty-five is proceeding in such naval or military camp, fort, or post".

No. 11.—Page 5, clause 17, leave out section 123B.

No. 13.—Page 6, clause 18, line 14, after "Cadets" insert "not exceeding".

No. 15.—Page 7, clause 18, line 2, after "service" insert "or for attending such camp,".

No. 16.—Page 8, clause 18, section 138, at end of section add the following new sub-section :—

"(2.) Persons liable to be trained in the Junior Cadets who are certified by any prescribed medical authority to be unfit to undergo the whole or any part of the prescribed training, may be exempted from that training by any prescribed authority."

No. 17.—Page 9, clause 18, section 143, at end of section add the following new sub-section :—

"(3.) All persons liable to be trained under paragraphs (*b*), (*c*), and (*d*) of section one hundred and twenty-five of this Act who are forbidden by the doctrines of their religion to bear arms shall, so far as possible, be allotted to non-combatant duties."

No. 18.—Page 10, clause 18, line 1, after "No" insert "applicant or".

No. 19.—Page 10, clause 18, at end of section 150 add the following proviso :—

"Provided that sections one hundred and forty-nine and one hundred and fifty shall not apply to officers of the Medical, Veterinary, Ordnance, and other Departmental Services."

No. 20.—Page 10, clause 18, leave out section 151.

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE, TO WHICH THE COMMITTEE HAS AGREED, WITH AMENDMENTS.

No. 1.—Page 2, after clause 4 insert the following new clause :—

"4A. Provided that the limitation in the preceding section in respect to service in the ranks shall not apply, except as far as may be found possible, until the expiration of two years from the commencement of the training prescribed in section one hundred and twenty-five, paragraph (*c*);

"Provided also that the limitation in the preceding section shall not at any time apply to the appointment of officers in the Senior Cadets."

Amendment agreed to with the following modifications :—

Insert in clause 4 as provisos to section 11A, instead of inserting as a new clause.

Omit the number "4A".

Omit the words "the preceding section" wherever occurring, and insert the words "this section" in place thereof.

No. 2.—Page 2, clause 7, at end of clause add the following words :—

"Section thirty-six of the Principal Act is also amended by adding the following provisos thereto :—

'Provided that the regulations may prescribe that any member of the Defence Force may, at his option, on the expiration of his original enlistment or subsequent re-engagement, re-engage to serve for a further period without any fresh oath of enlistment, subject nevertheless to the veto of the Minister or other authority mentioned in the regulations and to such other conditions as are specified in the regulations, and such member who so re-engages shall sign before his commanding officer an agreement to re-engage in accordance with the said regulations to be indorsed upon or attached to the original oath of enlistment, and such member shall, during the period of such re-engagement, continue to be bound by his original oath of enlistment.

'Provided also that, except in time of war, any member who has re-engaged after the completion of his original period of enlistment may claim his discharge under section forty and shall not be required to pay the sum therein prescribed.'"

Amendment agreed to with the following consequential amendment in the clause :—In the first line of the clause, before "Act" insert "Principal".

No. 12.—Page 5, after clause 17 insert the following new clause :—

"17A. After section one hundred and twenty-three of the Principal Act the following section is inserted :—

'123D. All married men in the permanent forces who have served for three years shall be entitled to be placed on the Married Establishment.'"

Amendment agreed to with the following amendment :—After "twenty-three" insert "B".

No. 14.—Page 7, clause 18, line 1, after "him" insert "or from attending any camp of instruction appointed to be held by the Head-Quarters of the Commonwealth or any Military District".

Amendment agreed to with the following consequential amendment in the clause:—Section 134, sub-section (2), at the end of the sub-section add "or for attending the camp".

On the motion of Mr. Joseph Cook, the House adopted the Report.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 and 3 be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 4.

5. PATENTS BILL (1909).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—
Mr. Glynn moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Johnson reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same with amendments.
Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
On the motion of Mr. Glynn, the House adopted the Report.
Mr. Glynn moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty minutes to six o'clock p.m., adjourned until Monday next, at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Tilley Brown, Mr. Carr, Mr. Catts, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Chapman, Sir Thomas Ewing, Mr. Frank J. Foster, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Hans Irvine, Mr. W. H. Irvine, Mr. Livingston, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Page, Mr. Palmer, Sir George Reid, Mr. Sinclair, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Willis, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Wise.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MONDAY, 6TH DECEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. SUPPLY [ESTIMATES].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

3. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin having announced with deep regret the death of the honorable Member for Hindmarsh (the Honorable James Hutchison)—moved, That the House do now adjourn.
And Mr. Fisher and Mr. Speaker having addressed the House—
Question (all honorable Members standing)—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at three minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Carr, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Chapman, Sir Thomas Ewing, Mr. Frank J. Foster, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Hall, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Livingston, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Page, Sir George Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Storrer, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Watson, Mr. Willis, and Mr. Wilson.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. DEATH OF MEMBER (THE HONORABLE JAMES HUTCHISON).—Mr. Deakin moved, by leave, That this House desires to record its regret at the loss which the Commonwealth suffers in the death of the late Member for Hindmarsh—the Honorable James Hutchison—and expresses its sincere condolence with his widow and the members of his family in their bereavement.
And all Members standing, the question was put and resolved in the affirmative.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—DEFENCE BILL (1909).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 32.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Naval and Military Defence,*" and acquaints the House of Representatives that the Senate has agreed to the amendments of the House of Representatives upon amendments Nos. 1, 2, 12, and 14 of the Senate.

The Senate, A. J. GOULD,
Melbourne, 6th December, 1909. President.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SEAMEN'S COMPENSATION BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 33.

The Senate has agreed to the amendment made by the House of Representatives in the Bill for "*An Act relating to compensation to Seamen for injuries suffered in the course of their employment.*"

A. J. GOULD,
The Senate, President.
Melbourne, 6th December, 1909.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—NAVAL LOAN BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 34.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to authorize the raising and expending of the sum of Three million five hundred thousand pounds for the purposes of Naval Defence,*" to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate, A. J. GOULD,
Melbourne, 6th December, 1909. President.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SURPLUS REVENUE BILL (1909).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 35.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to the Surplus Revenue of the Commonwealth,*" to which it has agreed without amendment.

A. J. GOULD,
The Senate, President.
Melbourne, 6th December, 1909.

20. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTIONS.—The Resolutions reported from the Committee of Ways and Means were read, and are as follow :—

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1907–8.

Resolved—That towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year ended 30th June, 1908, a sum not exceeding Twenty-one thousand nine hundred and five pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1907–8.

Resolved—That towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year ended 30th June, 1908, a sum not exceeding Two thousand four hundred and fifty-nine pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

And the said Resolutions were, on the motion of Sir John Forrest, adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir John Forrest and Mr. Glynn do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

21. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1907–8.—Sir John Forrest then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to appropriate a further sum for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and eight*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Crouch reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.

On the motion of Sir John Forrest, the House adopted the Report

Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

22. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1907–8.—Sir John Forrest also brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to appropriate a further sum for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and eight for purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Crouch reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.

On the motion of Sir John Forrest, the House adopted the Report.

Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

23. PAPERS.—Mr. Joseph Cook presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Defence Department—

Memorandum by the Minister of State for Defence on the Estimates of the Defence Department for the financial year 1909-10.

Memorandum on Australian Military Defence and its Progress since Federation.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to Statute—

Excise Act—Additional Regulation No. 134A (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 132.

Mr. Fuller presented, pursuant to Statute—

Lands Acquisition Act—Return showing Land disposed of at Port Elliot, South Australia.

24. HINDMARSH ELECTORAL DIVISION.—PROPOSAL NOT TO ISSUE WRIT.—Mr. Speaker made the following statement to the House :—

As honorable Members are aware a vacancy has occurred in the representation of the Electoral Division of Hindmarsh through the death of the Honorable James Hutchison.

It is generally understood that this is the last sitting day of the Session, and that it is not intended to hold any further Session prior to the General Election early next year.

If an election were held it could not take place until after the lapse of several weeks. The Member returned would therefore have no opportunity of taking his seat in Parliament, and after the expiry of a few weeks would, on the dissolution of Parliament, cease to be a Member.

An election would, of course, cause considerable expense to the Commonwealth and trouble to the electors of the Division, without any appreciable advantage to either; therefore my present intention is not to issue a Writ, under the circumstances, for the vacant Division.

25. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIES PRESERVATION BILL (1909).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 43.

The Senate has agreed to the amendments made by the House of Representatives in the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Australian Industries Preservation Acts* 1906-7.'"

A. J. GOULD,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 8th December, 1909.

13. Postponement of Orders of the Day.—Ordered, That the consideration of Orders of the Day Government Business, Nos. 2 to 10 inclusive, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 11.

14. Ways and Means [Estimates].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain Resolution.
Mr. McDonald also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

15. Ways and Means Resolution.—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Ways and Means was read, and is as follows:—

Estimates, 1909-10.

Resolved—That towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1909-10, a sum not exceeding Three million two hundred and forty-six thousand four hundred and fifty-six pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

And the said Resolution was, on the motion of Sir John Forrest, adopted by the House.
Ordered—That Sir John Forrest and Mr. Glynn do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

16. Appropriation Bill 1909-10.—Sir John Forrest then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and ten and to appropriate the Supplies granted for such year in this session of the Parliament,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.
On the motion of Sir John Forrest, the House adopted the Report.
Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

17. Supply [Supplementary Estimates 1907-8].—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

18. Papers.—Mr. Fuller presented, pursuant to Statute—

Census and Statistics Act—Population and Vital Statistics for the year 1908—Bulletin No. 14.
Public Service Act—Recommendation in connexion with the promotion of Mr. William Williams to the position of Postmaster, Geelong.

19. Joint Library Committee—Report from.—Mr. Speaker presented a Report from the Joint Library Committee.
Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

20. Papers.—Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to Statute—

Papua—Report for the year ended 30th June, 1909.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—

Telephone Business and Working.—Return to an Order of the House made this day.

Severally ordered to be printed.

21. Adjournment.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at a quarter to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bowden, Mr. Carr, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Chapman, Sir Thomas Ewing, Mr. Frank J. Foster, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Hall, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Johnson, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Page, Sir George Reid, Mr. Storrer, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Willis.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 93.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH DECEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—APPROPRIATION BILL 1909–10.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 38.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and ten and to appropriate the Supplies granted for such year in this session of the Parliament*," to which it has agreed without request.

A. J. GOULD,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 8th December, 1909.

3. PAPERS.—Sir John Forrest presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Old-age Pensions—*Re* Particulars required to be furnished by applicants for the Old-age Pension. —Replies received from Deputy-Commissioners and Magistrates.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Sir John Forrest presented, pursuant to Statute—

Audit Acts—Transfers of Amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council—Financial year 1908–9 (dated 7th December, 1909).

Mr. Fuller presented, pursuant to Statute—

Public Service Act—Regulation No. 142 Amended—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 130.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Mr. Deakin moved, That Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 and 2, be postponed until after the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 3 to 10 inclusive.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Further ordered—That Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 8 inclusive, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 9.

5. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (1909) (No. 2).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Glynn moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same with amendments.

Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

On the motion of Mr. Deakin the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Deakin moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

6. PAPER.—Mr. Speaker presented—

Finance, 1908–9—The Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure during the year ended 30th June, 1909, accompanied by the Report of the Auditor-General.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

7. BILLS OF EXCHANGE BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same with amendments.

Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

On the motion of Mr. Glynn the House, after debate, adopted the Report.

Mr. Glynn moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

8. PUBLIC SERVICE [COMMISSIONER'S SALARY, ETC.] BILL—SENATE'S AMENDMENT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the amendment made by the Senate in this Bill—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had dealt with the amendment as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF AN AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE TO WHICH THE COMMITTEE HAS NOT AGREED, BUT HAS INSTEAD MADE AN AMENDMENT IN THE CLAUSE.

Page 2, clause 4, leave out this clause.

Amendment not agreed to, but in place thereof the following amendment made in the clause :—

At the end of the clause add the following new sub-section :—

"(6) Sub-sections (2) and (3) of this section shall apply only to telegraph messengers who attain the age of eighteen years before the first day of January, One thousand nine hundred and eleven."

On the motion of Mr. Fuller, the House, after debate, adopted the Report.

9. OFFICERS COMPENSATION BILL (1909).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Crouch reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.

On the motion of Mr. Groom the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to contingent notice given by Mr. Deakin, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stage to be passed without delay.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

10. AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIES PRESERVATION BILL (1909).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Glynn moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same with amendments.

Mr. Joseph Cook moved, pursuant to contingent notice given by Mr. Deakin, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

On the motion of Mr. Glynn the House, after debate, adopted the Report.

Mr. Glynn moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (1909, No. 2).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 39.

The Senate has agreed to the amendments made by the House of Representatives in the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act* 1904'".

A. J. GOULD,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 8th December, 1909.

12. Message from the Senate.—Public Service [Commissioner's Salary, etc.] Bill.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

Mr. Speaker, *Message No.* 40

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to the Salary of the Public Service Commissioner, Long Service Increments in the Fifth Class of the Clerical Division, and the Employment of Telegraph Messengers,*" and acquaints the House of Representatives that the Senate does not insist upon its amendment omitting clause 4, disagreed to by the House of Representatives, and agrees to the amendment made by the House of Representatives in clause 4.

A. J. Gould,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 8th December, 1909.

13. Message from the Senate.—Bills of Exchange Bill.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

Mr. Speaker, *Message No.* 41.

The Senate has agreed to the amendments made by the House of Representatives in the Bill for "*An Act relating to Bills of Exchange, Cheques and Promissory Notes.*"

A. J. Gould,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 8th December, 1909.

14. Message from the Senate.—Officers Compensation Bill (1909).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

Mr. Speaker, *Message No.* 42.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for Compensation to be paid on Retirement or on Decease of certain Officers of the Commonwealth,*" to which it has agreed without amendment.

A. J. Gould,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 8th December, 1909.

15. Postponement of Orders of the Day.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 7, 8, and 10, be postponed until after the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 2.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

16. Supply [Supplementary Estimates, 1907–8].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Crouch reported that the Committee had agreed to certain Resolutions.

17. Suspension of Standing Orders.—Mr. Deakin, moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

18. Supply Resolutions.—The Resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply were read, and are as follows:—

Supplementary Estimates, 1907–8.

Resolved—That the following further sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1907–8, for the several services hereunder specified, viz.:—

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I. The Parliament	68
II. The Department of External Affairs	493
III. The Attorney-General's Department	653
IV. The Department of Home Affairs	2,660
V. The Department of the Treasury...	1,084
VI. The Department of Trade and Customs	4,439
VII. The Department of Defence	2,853
VIII. The Postmaster-General's Department	9,655

Supplementary Estimates for Additions, New Works, Buildings, etc., 1907–8.

Resolved—That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1907–8, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a further sum not exceeding £2,459.

And the said Resolutions were, on the motion of Sir John Forrest, adopted by the House.

19. Ways and Means [Supplementary Estimates, 1907–8].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Crouch reported that the Committee had agreed to certain Resolutions.

20. Ways and Means Resolutions.—The Resolutions reported from the Committee of Ways and Means were read, and are as follow :—

Supplementary Estimates, 1907–8.

Resolved—That towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year ended 30th June, 1908, a sum not exceeding Twenty-one thousand nine hundred and five pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

Supplementary Estimates for Additions, New Works, Buildings, etc., 1907–8.

Resolved—That towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year ended 30th June, 1908, a sum not exceeding Two thousand four hundred and fifty-nine pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

And the said Resolutions were, on the motion of Sir John Forrest, adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir John Forrest and Mr. Glynn do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

21. Supplementary Appropriation Bill 1907–8.—Sir John Forrest then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to appropriate a further sum for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and eight*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Crouch reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.

On the motion of Sir John Forrest, the House adopted the Report

Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

22. Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1907–8.—Sir John Forrest also brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to appropriate a further sum for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and eight for purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Crouch reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.

On the motion of Sir John Forrest, the House adopted the Report.

Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

23. Papers.—Mr. Joseph Cook presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Defence Department—

Memorandum by the Minister of State for Defence on the Estimates of the Defence Department for the financial year 1909-10.

Memorandum on Australian Military Defence and its Progress since Federation.

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Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to Statute—

Excise Act—Additional Regulation No. 134A (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 132.

Mr. Fuller presented, pursuant to Statute—

Lands Acquisition Act—Return showing Land disposed of at Port Elliot, South Australia.

24. Hindmarsh Electoral Division.—Proposal not to Issue Writ.—Mr. Speaker made the following statement to the House :—

As honorable Members are aware a vacancy has occurred in the representation of the Electoral Division of Hindmarsh through the death of the Honorable James Hutchison.

It is generally understood that this is the last sitting day of the Session, and that it is not intended to hold any further Session prior to the General Election early next year.

If an election were held it could not take place until after the lapse of several weeks. The Member returned would therefore have no opportunity of taking his seat in Parliament, and after the expiry of a few weeks would, on the dissolution of Parliament, cease to be a Member.

An election would, of course, cause considerable expense to the Commonwealth and trouble to the electors of the Division, without any appreciable advantage to either; therefore my present intention is not to issue a Writ, under the circumstances, for the vacant Division.

25. Message from the Senate.—Australian Industries Preservation Bill (1909).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

Mr. Speaker, *Message No.* 43.

The Senate has agreed to the amendments made by the House of Representatives in the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Australian Industries Preservation Acts* 1906-7.'"

A. J. Gould,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 8th December, 1909.

26. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

27. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1907–8.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 44.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to appropriate a further sum for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and eight*," to which it has agreed without request.

A. J. GOULD,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 8th December, 1909.

28. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1907–8.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 45.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to appropriate a further sum for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and eight for purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.*," to which it has agreed without amendment.

A. J. GOULD,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 8th December, 1909.

29. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

30. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirteen minutes past eleven o'clock p.m. adjourned until Tuesday next at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Tilley Brown, Mr. Carr, Mr. Chapman, Sir Thomas Ewing, Mr. Frank J. Foster, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Hall, Mr. Hughes, Mr. W. H. Irvine, Mr. Johnson, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Page, Mr. Poynton, Sir George Reid, Mr. Storrer, Mr. Watson, Mr. Webster, Mr. Wilks, and Mr. Willis.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

PETITION.

UNIFICATION OF AUSTRALIA.

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TO THE HONORABLE THE SPEAKER AND HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED.

THE HUMBLE PETITION OF THE UNDERSIGNED ELECTORS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH—

1. That at the time when the Commonwealth Constitution was adopted, it was confidently hoped by a large majority of the Electors of Australia that large reductions would be made in the expense of maintaining the State Governments.

2. That practically no reductions have been made, and the establishments of the State Governments are still maintained on an altogether unnecessary scale.

3. That the experience of six years of Federation has made it clear that no satisfactory legislation in the direction of reducing the expense of the State Governments, or of increasing their efficiency and usefulness, can be hoped for from the Legislatures of the States.

4. That the continued existence of the State Governments with their existing powers prevents the development of any true Federal spirit in Australia, and tends to perpetuate the State jealousy and provincialism which it is the purpose of Federation to destroy.

5. That the continued existence of the State Governments, as at present constituted, hampers the efficiency of the Commonwealth Government, and prevents it from exercising its power in the fullest measure for the benefit of Australia.

6. That the only satisfactory remedy for the conditions described, is to be found in the Unification of Australia; the State Governments being retained in existence only for the purpose of dealing, under Commonwealth control, with matters of purely local interest.

YOUR PETITIONERS THEREFORE HUMBLY PRAY—

That the Commonwealth Parliament will cause a referendum to be taken, in order that the following issues may be submitted to the people of Australia :—

> "Are you in favour of amending the Constitution so as to provide (1) for the "abolition of the State Governments and Parliaments as at present existing, and the "transfer of their property and powers to the Government and Parliament of the "Commonwealth, and (2) for the establishment of new State Governments by the "Parliament of the Commonwealth, with such powers and functions as that Parliament "may deem fit to confer upon them."

And your Petitioners will ever pray :—

[*Here follow the Signatures, stated by the honorable Member presenting the petition to number* 58,209.]

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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

PETITION.

PUBLIC SERVICE PENSION FUND.

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TO THE HONORABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THE HUMBLE PETITION OF THE UNDERSIGNED, WHO ARE OFFICERS OF THE COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC SERVICE RESIDENT AND EMPLOYED IN ALL THE STATES OF THE COMMONWEALTH SHEWETH—

That the system adopted by the Commonwealth in the employment of its officers provides for the compulsory retirement of an officer after his attaining the age of 60 years.

That an officer may be compelled at any time to retire from the service in consequence of disability caused by accident, or ill-health, or may die, leaving a widow and children in necessitous circumstances.

That no satisfactory means exist whereby an officer may make provision for his declining years after leaving the Service or for his widow and children in the event of his death.

That whatever means exist of making provision as aforesaid are unsatisfactory and are derived from outside sources and do not constitute a part of the system of employment adopted by the Commonwealth.

That the uncertainty of an officer's future and the future of those dependent upon him operates to the prejudice of the Service generally.

That certain questions relative to the establishment of a "Superannuation Fund" have been submitted to your Petitioners by the *Federal Service*, a journal circulating in all the States and published in the interests of the Service. Such questions appear in the Schedule to this Petition, and the answers thereto are placed opposite the signatures hereto of your Petitioners.

That your Petitioners are prepared to contribute to a fund to provide for the payment of an allowance to an officer upon his compulsory retirement from the service and to his widow and children after his death.

YOUR PETITIONERS THEREFORE HUMBLY PRAY THAT AN ACT MAY BE PASSED TO PROVIDE FOR THE MATTERS AFORESAID.

And your Petitioners will ever humbly pray, &c., &c.

[*Here follow the Schedule and the Signatures, stated by the honorable Member presenting the petition to number* 3,072.]

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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

PETITION.

SUGAR INDUSTRY.

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TO THE HONORABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED.

THE HUMBLE PETITION OF THE UNDERSIGNED SUGAR-CANE GROWERS OF AUSTRALIA HUMBLY SHEWETH—

1. That the condition of the Sugar Industry throughout the Commonwealth is not satisfactory.

2. That the benefits derivable from the protective duty of £6 per ton of sugar are not being equitably distributed among the various parties interested and dependent on the industry.

3. That the profits of the industry are being almost entirely secured by the manufacturers and refiners of sugar, to the detriment not only of the producer of the raw material, but of the labourer, and of the community at large.

4. That whereas under existing regulations the grower is compelled to pay certain rates of wages and conform to rigid conditions in order to claim bounty on cane grown by white labour, the manufacturer and the refiner are entirely free agents, and are permitted to pay to the grower any price for the raw material that they think fit.

5. That the price so paid is insufficient to enable the cane-grower to carry out the required labour conditions and at the same time secure an adequate return for his own labour and outlay.

6. That from the same cause the cane-grower is compelled to neglect the proper cultivation of his soil, he is unable to purchase manures to maintain it in a state of fertility, and as a consequence an alarming deterioration is taking place in the whole of the sugar lands of the Commonwealth, which must in course of time develop into a national disaster.

YOUR PETITIONERS THEREFORE HUMBLY PRAY THAT YOUR HONORABLE HOUSE WILL TAKE THE MATTER INTO YOUR FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION, AND BY THE APPOINTMENT OF A ROYAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY, OR SUCH OTHER MEANS AS YOUR HONORABLE HOUSE IN ITS WISDOM MAY DEEM EXPEDIENT, ASCERTAIN THE FACTS AS TO THE POSITION OF THE CANE-GROWERS, AND GRANT THEM RELIEF FROM THEIR PRESENT DISABILITIES.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[*Here follow the Signatures.*]

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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

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FROM THE

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REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

The Library Committee has the honour to report as follows :—

1. The Library Committee, in submitting its Report for the year 1909, desires in the first place to put upon record its high appreciation of the eminent and valuable services rendered to the Commonwealth Parliament in the establishment, maintenance, and building up of the Library by the late Speaker, Sir Frederick Holder, who continuously occupied the position of Chairman of the Committee until his sudden and untimely demise in July last.

2. The principal event of the year has been the acquirement of the collection of books, maps, plates, &c., relating to Australasia and Polynesia collected during the last thirty to forty years by Mr. E. A. Petherick. This collection has been presented to the Commonwealth by Mr. Petherick, and an agreement has been signed, and will be laid before Parliament, accepting the presentation, and appointing Mr. Petherick to a position in the Library under the title of Archivist. There are more than 10,000 items in the collection, many of them of great interest and rarity.

3. The Committee has engaged two temporary clerks, who are making an author list of the Petherick collection, and it is intended, when this is done, to prepare a catalogue of the whole Library, including this collection. No catalogue has been issued since 1906, and the Committee trusts a new issue will be of great service to Members of Parliament.

4. The Library, apart from the Petherick collection, now numbers 22,500 volumes—an increase of 3,000 during the year. An important purchase was the Catalogue of printed books of the British Museum, which has been bound in 100 handsome volumes. This great work, which was 25 years in preparation, is indispensable in a large library, for its literary and bibliographical value.

5. The increase of the Library, and the necessity for making provision for the transfer of the seat of government, when the Library will be separated from that of the Parliament of Victoria, will compel the Committee to ask Parliament to vote a larger annual sum than heretofore. It will be the object of the Committee to form such a Library that, when the transfer comes, members will be inconvenienced as little as possible.

A. J. GOULD,
Chairman.

7th December, 1909.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FIRST SESSION OF THE SECOND PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND MARCH, 1904.

The Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia begun and held in Parliament House, in the City of Melbourne, on Wednesday, the second day of March, in the fourth year of the Reign of His Majesty King Edward the Seventh, and in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and four.

1. On which day, being the first day of the meeting of The Parliament for the despatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation (hereinafter set forth), Charles Gavan Duffy, Esquire, Clerk of the House of Representatives, Walter Augustus Gale, Esquire, Clerk Assistant, and Thomas Woollard, Esquire, Serjeant-at-Arms, attending in the House, and the other Clerks attending, according to their duty, the following Proclamation was read at the table by the Clerk :—

PROCLAMATION

Australia to wit.
(Sgd.) NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General.
(L.S.)

By His Excellency the Right Honorable HENRY STAFFORD, BARON NORTHCOTE, Knight Grand Commander of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire, Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth of Australia.

WHEREAS by the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act it is amongst other things enacted that the Governor-General may appoint such times for holding the Sessions of the Parliament as he thinks fit, and also by Proclamation or otherwise may dissolve the House of Representatives: And whereas on the twenty-third day of November, One thousand nine hundred and three, the House of Representatives was dissolved, and the Honorable the Senators were discharged from attendance as from the twenty-fourth day of November of that year: Now, therefore, I, HENRY STAFFORD, BARON NORTHCOTE, the Governor-General aforesaid, in exercise of the power conferred by the said Act, do by this my Proclamation appoint Wednesday, the second day of March proximo, as the day for the said Parliament to assemble and be holden for the despatch of divers urgent and important affairs. And all Senators and Members of the House of Representatives are hereby required to give their attendance accordingly, in the Building known as the Houses of Parliament, situate in Spring-street, in the City of Melbourne, at the hour of 2.30 o'clock, on the said Wednesday, the second day of March, One thousand nine hundred and four.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth of Australia aforesaid, this eighteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and four, in the fourth year of His Majesty's reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

ALFRED DEAKIN.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY'S COMMISSIONER BY THE USHER OF THE SENATE.—The following Message was delivered by the Usher of the Senate :—

GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES :

The Commissioner appointed by His Excellency the Governor-General requests the immediate attendance of this honorable House in the Senate Chamber to hear his Commission read.

Accordingly the Members of the House of Representatives went to the Senate Chamber, when the Right Honorable Sir Samuel Griffith, the Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia, said :—

"GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE, GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES :

His Excellency the Governor-General, not thinking fit to be present in person at this time, has been pleased to cause Letters Patent to issue, under the great Seal of the Commonwealth, constituting his Commissioner, to do in his name all that is necessary to be performed in this Parliament. This will more fully appear from the Letters Patent, which will now be read."

Then the said Letters Patent were read, and are as follow :—

His Excellency the Right Honorable HENRY STAFFORD, BARON NORTHCOTE, *Knight Grand Commander of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire, Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth of Australia.*

To the Right Honorable Sir SAMUEL WALKER GRIFFITH, a Member of His Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia.

Greeting :

WHEREAS by Letters Patent dated the twenty-ninth day of October, One thousand nine hundred, passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, constituting the Office of Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the said Commonwealth, Her late Majesty, Queen Victoria, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon her by the Constitution of the Commonwealth, was pleased to authorize and empower the Governor-General of the Commonwealth, subject to any limitations expressed or directions given by her, to appoint any person or persons, jointly or severally, to be his Deputy or Deputies within any part of the Commonwealth, and in that capacity to exercise, during his pleasure, such of his powers and functions as he might deem it necessary to assign to him or them : Provided always that the appointment of such a Deputy or Deputies should not affect the exercise by the Governor-General himself of any power or function :

And whereas by Proclamation dated the eighteenth day of February, One thousand nine hundred and four, Wednesday, the second day of March, One thousand nine hundred and four, was appointed as the day for the Parliament of the Commonwealth to assemble and be holden for the despatch of divers urgent and important affairs ; and all Senators and Members of the House of Representatives were thereby required to give their attendance accordingly in the Building known as the Houses of Parliament, situate in Spring-street, in the City of Melbourne, at the hour of half-past Two o'clock, on the day and date aforesaid.

Now know you that, in pursuance of the powers and authority vested in me by the Constitution and the said Letters Patent, I, HENRY STAFFORD, BARON NORTHCOTE, the Governor-General aforesaid, do hereby appoint you to be my Deputy for the purpose of declaring open the said Parliament at the time and place aforesaid.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth of Australia, at Melbourne, in the State of Victoria, this first day of March, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and four, in the fourth year of His Majesty's reign.

NORTHCOTE.

(L.S.) By His Excellency's Command,

ALFRED DEAKIN.

His Honour the Chief Justice then said :—

"GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE, GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES :

I have it in command from the Governor-General to let you know that, as soon as the Members of the Senate recently elected and the Members of the House of Representatives shall have been sworn, the causes of His Excellency's calling this Parliament will be declared to you by him in person in this place ; and it being necessary a President of the Senate and a Speaker of the House of Representatives should be first chosen, you, Gentlemen of the Senate, will proceed to choose some proper person to be your President, and you, Gentlemen of the House of Representatives, will repair to the place where you are to sit, and there proceed to the choice of some proper person to be your Speaker ; and that thereafter you respectively present such persons, whom you shall so choose, to His Excellency, at such time and place as he shall appoint. I will attend shortly in the House of Representatives for the purpose of taking the oaths and affirmations of honorable Members of that House."

And the Members of the House having returned—

3. COMMISSIONER TO ADMINISTER THE OATH TO MEMBERS.—The Right Honorable Sir Samuel Griffith, the Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia, having entered the Chamber and been conducted by the Serjeant-at-Arms to the Chair, handed to the Clerk at the Table a Commission, which was read and is as follows :—

By His Excellency the Right Honorable HENRY STAFFORD, BARON NORTHCOTE, *Knight Grand Commander of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire, Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth of Australia.*

To the Right Honorable Sir SAMUEL WALKER GRIFFITH, a Member of His Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia.

Greeting :

WHEREAS by the forty-second section of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, it is enacted that every Senator and every Member of the House of Representatives shall, before taking his seat, make and subscribe before the Governor-General, or some person authorized by him, an Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance in the form set forth in the Schedule to the aforesaid Constitution.

Now therefore I, the Governor-General aforesaid, do by these presents command and authorize you to attend at Parliament House, Melbourne, on Wednesday, the 2nd March, 1904, at 2.30 p.m., there and then to administer the Oath or Affirmation to such Senators as are present and have not already taken and subscribed the same since their election to the Senate, and to Members of the House of Representatives then present.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth of Australia, at Melbourne, this first day of March, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and four.

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General.

(L.S.) By His Excellency's Command,

ALFRED DEAKIN.

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4. RETURNS TO WRITS FOR GENERAL ELECTION AND ISSUE OF NEW WRIT FOR WILMOT DIVISION.—The Clerk announced that he had received from the Secretary to the Department of Home Affairs the following letter, which read as follows :—

Commonwealth of Australia.

Department of Home Affairs,
Melbourne, 1st March, 1904.

Sir,

I have the honour, by direction, to forward herewith the 75 Writs for the General Election of the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, held on 16th December, 1903.

I have further to inform you that a certificate has been received of the death of Sir Edward Nicholas Coventry Braddon, the successful candidate for the Division of Wilmot, in the State of Tasmania, which took place on the 2nd February, at Leith, Tasmania.

A Writ was issued accordingly on 10th February, the date of Nomination was 18th February, and the date of Polling 26th of the same month. The Writ has not yet been returned.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,
Your obedient servant,

DAVID MILLER,
Secretary.

The Clerk of the House of Representatives, Parliament House, Melbourne.

By the returns indorsed on the several Writs it appeared that for the several Electoral Divisions of the States the following gentlemen had been elected, as shown hereunder :—

Division.	State.	Name.
Adelaide	South Australia	The Right Honorable Charles Cameron Kingston, of Marino, King's Counsel and solicitor.
Angas	South Australia	Patrick McMahon Glynn, of Molesworth-street, North Adelaide, Barrister-at-Law.
Balaclava	Victoria	George Turner, of "Bovey," Carlisle-street, Saint Kilda, solicitor.
Ballaarat	Victoria	Alfred Deakin, barrister, Melbourne.
Barker	South Australia	John Langdon Bonython, newspaper proprietor, Adelaide, S.A.
Barrier	New South Wales	Josiah Thomas, miner, Magill, South Australia.
Bass	Tasmania	David Storrer, furniture warehouseman, St. John-street, Launceston.
Bendigo	Victoria	John Quick, K.B., LL.D., barrister and solicitor, Hamlet-street, Bendigo.
Bland	New South Wales	John Christian Watson, compositor, of Paddington, Sydney.
Boothby	South Australia	Egerton Lee Batchelor, of Keswick, engine fitter.
Bourke	Victoria	James Newton Haxton Hume Cook.
Brisbane	Queensland	Millice Culpin, 276 Wickham-street, Brisbane, surgeon.
Canobolas	New South Wales	Thomas Brown, Cluster Farm, Bedgerebong, farmer.
Capricornia	Queensland	David Alexander Thomson.
Coolgardie	Western Australia	Hugh Mahon, journalist, of Coolgardie.
Corangamite	Victoria	John Gratton Wilson, Koroit-street, Warrnambool, Bachelor of Medicine.
Corinella	Victoria	James Whiteside McCay, of Campbell-street, Castlemaine, barrister and solicitor.
Corio	Victoria	Richard Armstrong Crouch.
Cowper	New South Wales	Henry William Lee.
Dalley	New South Wales	William Henry Wilks.
Darling	New South Wales	William Guthrie Spence.
Darling Downs	Queensland	Littleton Ernest Groom, of "Millbrook," Phillip-street, Toowoomba, Queensland, barrister.
Darwin	Tasmania	King O'Malley, of Queenstown, in Tasmania, gentleman.
Denison	Tasmania	Philip Oakley Fysh, Postmaster-General, Hobart.
East Sydney	New South Wales	George Houstoun Reid.
Echuca	Victoria	James Hiers McColl, of Quarry Hill, Bendigo, legal manager.
Eden-Monaro	New South Wales	Austin Chapman.
Flinders	Victoria	James Gibb, farmer, Berwick.
Franklin	Tasmania	William James McWilliams, of Hobart, in Tasmania, journalist.
Fremantle	Western Australia	William Henry Carpenter.
Gippsland	Victoria	Allan McLean, of "Duart," Beaconsfield-parade, Albert Park.
Grampians	Victoria	Thomas Skene.
Grey	South Australia	Alexander Poynton, of Winham-street, Ovingham, S.A., agent.
Gwydir	New South Wales	William Webster, of Marrickville. quarryman.
Herbert	Queensland	Frederick William Bamford, of 28 Ebley-street, Waverley, New South Wales, journalist.
Hindmarsh	South Australia	James Hutchison, of 105 Beulah-road, Norward, South Australia, journalist.
Hume	New South Wales	William John Lyne.
Hunter	New South Wales	Frank Liddell, of West Maitland, surgeon.
Illawarra	New South Wales	George Warburton Fuller, of Avoca, Dulwich Hill, barrister-at-law.
Indi	Victoria	Isaac Alfred Isaacs, barrister and solicitor, Melbourne.

Division.	State.	Name.
Kalgoorlie ..	Western Australia ..	Charles Edward Frazer.
Kennedy ..	Queensland	Charles McDonald.
Kooyong ..	Victoria	William Knox.
Laanecoorie ..	Victoria	Charles Carty Salmon, of Maryborough, surgeon.
Lang	New South Wales ..	William Elliot Johnson, artist, Marrickville.
Macquarie ..	New South Wales ..	Sydney Smith.
Maranoa ..	Queensland	James Page, selector, Barcaldine, Queensland.
Melbourne ..	Victoria	Malcolm Donald McEacharn.
Melbourne Ports ..	Victoria	Samuel Mauger.
Mernda	Victoria	Robert Harper, merchant, of Melbourne.
Moira	Victoria	Thomas Kennedy, of Cobram, farmer and grazier.
Moreton ..	Queensland	James Wilkinson, of Ipswich, journalist.
Newcastle ..	New South Wales ..	David Watkins.
New England ..	New South Wales ..	Edmund Lonsdale.
Northern Melbourne	Victoria	Henry Bournes Higgins, barrister, "Doona," Malvern.
North Sydney ..	New South Wales ..	Dugald Thomson, merchant, 40 Carrabella-street, North Sydney.
Oxley	Queensland ..	Richard Edwards, Wickham Terrace, Brisbane, gentleman.
Parkes	New South Wales ..	Bruce Smith, barrister-at-law, 149 Phillip-street, Sydney.
Parramatta ..	New South Wales ..	Joseph Cook, journalist, Marrickville.
Perth	Western Australia ..	James MacKinnon Fowler, accountant, of Subiaco, W.A.
Richmond ..	New South Wales ..	Thomas Thomson Ewing, surveyor, Mosman, Sydney.
Riverina ..	New South Wales ..	Robert Officer Blackwood, Heartwood, Deniliquin.
Robertson ..	New South Wales ..	Henry Willis, Mosman, Sydney.
Southern Melbourne	Victoria	James Black Ronald.
South Sydney ..	New South Wales ..	George Bertrand Edwards.
Swan	Western Australia ..	Sir John Forrest.
Wakefield ..	South Australia ..	Frederick William Holder, of Kent Town, journalist.
Wannon ..	Victoria	Arthur Robinson.
Wentworth ..	New South Wales ..	William Henry Kelly.
Werriwa ..	New South Wales ..	Alfred Hugh Beresford Conroy.
West Sydney ..	New South Wales ..	William Morris Hughes.
Wide Bay ..	Queensland ..	Andrew Fisher, of Maori Lane, Red Hill, Gympie, engine driver.
Wilmot	Tasmania ..	Edward Nicholas Coventry Braddon, of Leith, in Tasmania, land-owner.
Wimmera ..	Victoria	Pharez Phillips, of Warracknabeal, farmer.
Yarra	Victoria	Frank Gwynne Tudor, of 44 Stanley-street, Richmond.

5. MEMBERS SWORN.—The Right Honorable C. C. Kingston, P.C.; P. M. Glynn, Esq.; the Right Honorable Sir George Turner, P.C.; the Honorable A. Deakin; Sir J. Langdon Bonython; J. Thomas, Esq.; D. Storrer, Esq.; Sir John Quick; J. C. Watson, Esq.; E. L. Batchelor, Esq.; J. Hume Cook, Esq.; M. Culpin, Esq.; T. Brown, Esq.; David A. Thomson, Esq.; H. Mahon, Esq.; J. Gratton Wilson, Esq.; the Honorable J. W. McCay; R. A. Crouch, Esq.; H. W. Lee, Esq.; W. H. Wilks, Esq.; W. G. Spence, Esq.; L. E. Groom, Esq.; K. O'Malley, Esq.; the Honorable Sir Philip Fysh; the Right Honorable G. H. Reid, P.C.; the Honorable J. H. McColl; the Honorable Austin Chapman; J. Gibb, Esq.; W. J. McWilliams, Esq.; W. H. Carpenter, Esq.; the Honorable A. McLean; T. Skene, Esq.; A. Poynton, Esq.; W. Webster, Esq.; F. W. Bamford, Esq.; J. Hutchison, Esq.; the Honorable Sir William Lyne; F. Liddell, Esq.; G. W. Fuller, Esq.; the Honorable I. A. Isaacs; C. E. Frazer, Esq.; C. McDonald, Esq.; W. Knox, Esq.; the Honorable C. C. Salmon; W. E. Johnson, Esq.; the Honorable Sydney Smith; J. Page, Esq.; Sir Malcolm McEacharn; S. Mauger, Esq.; R. Harper, Esq.; T. Kennedy, Esq.; J. Wilkinson, Esq.; D. Watkins, Esq.; H. B. Higgins, Esq.; Dugald Thomson, Esq.; R. Edwards, Esq.; Joseph Cook, Esq.; J. M. Fowler, Esq.; T. T. Ewing, Esq.; R. O. Blackwood, Esq.; H. Willis, Esq.; J. B. Ronald, Esq.; G. B. Edwards, Esq.; the Right Honorable Sir John Forrest, P.C.; the Honorable Sir Frederick Holder; A. Robinson, Esq.; W. H. Kelly, Esq.; A. H. B. Conroy, Esq.; A. Fisher, Esq.; the Honorable P. Phillips; and F. G. Tudor, Esq., made and subscribed the Oath required by law.

The Commissioner retired.

6. ELECTION OF SPEAKER.—Mr. Deakin, addressing himself to the Clerk (who, standing up, pointed to him, and then sat down), proposed to the House for its Speaker the Honorable Sir Frederick William Holder, K.C.M.G., and moved, That Sir Frederick Holder do take the Chair of the House as Speaker, which motion was seconded by the Right Honorable G. H. Reid, P.C., and supported by Mr. Watson. And Mr. Mahon having referred to a constitutional question in regard to the seat of the gentleman proposed as Speaker—

The House having called Sir Frederick Holder to the Chair, he stood up in his place, and submitted himself to the House.

The House then again unanimously calling Sir Frederick Holder to the Chair, he was taken out of his place by Mr. Deakin and Mr. Reid, and conducted to the Chair, where he returned his humble acknowledgments to the House for the great honour it had been pleased to confer upon him by unanimously choosing him to be its Speaker, and thereupon he sat down in the Chair; and then the Mace, which before lay under the Table, was laid upon the Table.

Then Mr. Deakin, Mr. Reid, and Mr. Watson congratulated Mr. Speaker.

7. PRESENTATION OF THE SPEAKER.—Mr. Deakin stated that he had already ascertained that it would be His Excellency's pleasure to receive the Speaker in the Library of the Parliament, this day, at half-past four o'clock.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker with the Members of the House went to attend His Excellency; and, having returned, Mr. Speaker reported that the House this day proceeded to the Library of the Parliament, and that he presented himself to His Excellency the Governor-General as the choice of the House of Representatives, and that His Excellency was pleased to congratulate him upon his election.

8. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL BY THE USHER OF THE SENATE.—The following Message was delivered by the Usher of the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

His Excellency the Governor-General desires the attendance of the House of Representatives in the Chamber of the Senate forthwith.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker with the Members of the House went to attend His Excellency:—And having returned—

9. COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL.—Mr. Deakin moved, by leave, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Conciliation and Arbitration for the Prevention and Settlement of Industrial Disputes extending beyond the limits of any one State.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Deakin then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Conciliation and Arbitration for the Prevention and Settlement of Industrial Disputes extending beyond the Limits of any one State*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

And, after debate—

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

10. THE LATE SIR EDWARD BRADDON—VOTE OF CONDOLENCE.—Mr. Deakin moved, by leave,—

That this House desires to record its profound regret at the loss which the Commonwealth suffers in the death of the Right Honorable Sir Edward Nicholas Coventry Braddon, P.C., K.C.M.G., Member of the House of Representatives, and expresses its sincere condolence with his widow and the members of his family in their bereavement.

That Mr. Speaker be requested to convey the foregoing resolution to Lady Braddon.

Mr. Reid and Mr. Watson having addressed the House in support of the motion,

Question, put and resolved in the affirmative.

11. HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—Mr. Speaker reported that the House had this day attended His Excellency the Governor-General in the Senate Chamber, when His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of the Parliament, of which Mr. Speaker said he had, for greater accuracy, obtained a copy, which read as follows:—

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

1. It affords me extreme gratification, on this my first meeting with the Parliament of the Commonwealth, to congratulate you upon the passing of the severe drought which has occasioned grievous losses to all classes of the community.

2. You will have learned, with regret, that a state of war has arisen between the Empire of Russia and the Empire of Japan. The neutrality of Great Britain has been proclaimed, and will, it is hoped, be maintained.

3. My Advisers have had under consideration the provisions of the Constitution for taking over the Public Debts of the States and the compensation to be made for transferred properties. A discussion by a Conference of State Treasurers, under the presidency of the Treasurer of the Commonwealth, has produced a much better understanding of the difficulties surrounding these subjects, and a further meeting is proposed, when it is hoped that some mutually satisfactory arrangement will be attained.

4. The re-adjustment of Federal and State Finances contemplated in such an arrangement will, it is hoped, present an opportunity for the adoption of an uniform system of Old-age Pensions throughout the Commonwealth.

5. The reaping of bountiful harvests over the greater part of the Commonwealth revives the problem of insuring to the agriculturist a return which will repay his labours, and encourage increased efforts. The Preferential Trade proposals now engaging the attention of the people of Great Britain will, if approved, secure to us an immense and reliable market. My Advisers are pleased to note the cordiality with which these are generally regarded in this country, and are confident that the feeling will be strengthened when the statesman who is their author is able to visit us.

6. With a view to giving assistance wherever possible to those engaged in the cultivation of the soil, and as a preliminary to the establishment of an Agricultural Bureau, you will be invited to consider the best means of assisting the farmer, by bounties and otherwise, to grow new crops and find new markets. Speedier and cheaper transportation to the large centres of population of meat, butter, and fruit, under improved conditions, is much to be desired.

7. In view of the vast undeveloped resources of this Continent, and the small increase in our numbers from oversea, My Advisers consider it a matter of urgency to attract the population needed to enable the Commonwealth to maintain her great and responsible position in these seas. The State Governments, as represented at the Treasurers' Conference, have been addressed upon this subject in the hope that united and effective means may be devised for securing desirable European immigrants.

8. The interests of the Commonwealth in London have hitherto been temporarily in the charge of the Agents-General of the States. You will be invited to make provision for the appointment of a High Commissioner, whose supervision of all matters of Australian concern will include the duty of directing public attention to the resources of the States, and their advantages as fields for settlement.

9. You will be asked to deal with the Bill, introduced last Session and partly discussed, having for its object the establishment of Courts of Conciliation and Arbitration for the settlement of disputes extending beyond the limits of any one State.

10. A Bill relating to Navigation and Shipping will be submitted to you specially providing for the regulation of our coasting trade.

11. The Royal Commission appointed to consider the advisability of encouraging the establishment of iron and steel works has furnished its report, which will be laid before you, and you will be invited to give it effect.

12. No acceptable tender for the carriage of mails and perishable produce upon vessels manned with white seamen having been received, the whole question of subsidies for these purposes, and of the postal and other services rendered, is now under review.

GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES :

13. The revenue derived from Customs and Excise has been equal to anticipations. As the incidence of duties under the Tariff contemplates the substitution of Australian for imported goods, no considerable expansion of such receipts, under normal conditions, is to be expected.

14. The estimates of expenditure will be framed with economy, having due regard to the magnitude and importance of the interests under your control.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES :

15. My Advisers readily associated themselves with the Government of New Zealand in communicating a friendly warning, based upon Australian experience, to the Transvaal Government, on the subject of a proposed ordinance authorizing the introduction of Chinese to work in the mines of that colony. This, together with the reply, will be laid before you.

16. The selection of a Site for the Federal Capital was considerably advanced by the discussion and votes of the last Parliament. A contour survey has been ordered, and is in progress in the Tumut and Bombala districts. An early and final settlement of this question is very necessary.

17. The Defence Act has been proclaimed, and Regulations under it approved. The forces of the Commonwealth are now subject to but one Act, and one code of Regulations, insuring their effective organization.

18. The operation of the Sugar Bounty Act has fostered the employment of white labour, so that the number of growers taking advantage of it is steadily increasing.

19. A Conference of representatives of the Governments interested in the Pacific Cable will shortly be held in London for the purpose of considering its financial management, and the provisional agreement entered into between the Government of the Commonwealth and the Eastern Extension Telegraphic Company.

20. The removal of vexatious restrictions upon commercial intercourse between the States of the Commonwealth has received attention. It is hoped that Inter-States certificates upon the transfer of goods between New South Wales and Victoria will soon be dispensed with, or at least greatly modified.

21. The consent of the Parliament of Western Australia has been given, and that of the Government of South Australia sought, for the construction of a railway to connect Western Australia with the Eastern States, and you will be asked to make provision by Bill for a survey of the line.

22. A Bill will be submitted creating an Inter-State Commission to carry out the provisions of the Constitution relating to trade and commerce.

23. It is intended to introduce a short Bill enabling the Executive of the Commonwealth to assume direct control of the administration of New Guinea. A comprehensive measure will be framed, when inquiries, now being locally made, are completed.

24. The improved steam-ship service to the New Hebrides and the Gilbert and Ellice groups of Islands has resulted in some increase of settlement by British subjects, but, in order to keep pace with trade developments in the Western Pacific, a considerable addition to present means of communication is required, and an adequate scheme will be laid before you.

25. It is intended to examine the experience gained in the recent elections with a view to an amendment of the Electoral Act.

26. Bills to regulate Copyright; relating to Trade Marks and to Merchandise Marks—all three complementary to the Patents Act passed last year; and Bills dealing with Rings and Trusts, with the Federal Control of Quarantine, and of Light-houses, Beacons, and Buoys, will be placed before you.

27. Under Divine guidance, I trust that the discharge of your high and honorable duties may promote the welfare of the people of Australia.

12. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—Mr. Deakin moved, That a Committee, consisting of Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Mauger, Sir Malcolm McEacharn, and Mr. Storrer, be appointed to prepare an Address in Reply to the Speech delivered by His Excellency the Governor-General to both Houses of the Parliament.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the Committee do report this day.

13. PAPERS.—Sir William Lyne presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Bonuses for Manufactures Bill—Report of the Royal Commission; together with the Proceedings, Minutes of Evidence, and Appendices.

Sir John Forrest presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

General Election, 16th December, 1903—Commonwealth of Australia—Statistics relating to.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

Sir George Turner presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Audit Act 1901.—Transfers of Amounts approved by His Excellency the Governor-General in Council—

Financial year 1902–3.
Financial year 1903–4.

Sir William Lyne presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—

Excise Act 1901.—Regulations for the Conduct of Inquiries.
Patents Act 1903.—Provisional Regulations.

Mr. Chapman presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Defence Act 1903—

Military Forces—
Regulations and Orders.
Financial and Allowance Regulations.

Naval Forces—
Regulations.
Financial and Allowance Regulations.

Sir John Forrest presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Public Service Act 1902.—Amendment of Regulations—

No. 199—Repeal of, and substitution of New Regulation—Applicants for Telegraph Messengerships. (Dated 22nd October, 1903.)
No. 188 (*b*)—Repeal of, and substitution of New Regulations—Contributions to Superannuation Account. (Dated 10th November, 1903.)
No. 86—Repeal of, and substitution of New Regulations—Extra and Accumulated Leave. (Dated 28th November, 1903.)
No. 121—Amendment of—Temporary Employment. (Dated 28th November, 1903.)
No. 128—Repeal of, and substitution of New Regulation—Temporary Employment. (Dated 28th November, 1903.)
No. 22—Amendment of—Officers under Suspension. (Dated 3rd December, 1903.)
No. 154—Amendment of—General Allowances. (Dated 3rd December, 1903.)
No. 155.—Further Amendment of—Allowances to certain Officers. (Dated 17th December, 1903.)
No. 66—Repeal of, and substitution of New Regulations—Payment for Sunday Work. (Dated 22nd December, 1903.)
No. 149—Repeal of, and substitution of New Regulation—Travelling Allowances. (Dated 22nd December, 1903.)
Nos. 227 and 228—Amendment of—Registration and Appointment.

14. ELECTION PETITIONS.—The Clerk laid upon the Table copies of Election Petitions against the return of certain Members, which he had received from the High Court, under section 202 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act, viz.:—

Name of Petitioner.	Electoral Division and State.	Name of Member returned.	Date when gazetted in *Commonwealth Gazette*.
John Moore Chanter ..	Riverina, New South Wales	Robert Officer Blackwood	6th February, 1904
William Maloney ..	Melbourne, Victoria ..	Sir Malcolm Donald McEacharn	13th February, 1904
Maximilian Hirsch ..	Wimmera, Victoria ..	Pharez Phillips ..	13th February, 1904

15. ORDER OF GENERAL BUSINESS.—Mr. Deakin moved, by leave, That on Friday in each week, until otherwise ordered, General Business shall be called on in the following order, viz. :—

On one Friday—

Notices of Motion.
Orders of the Day.

On the alternate Friday—

Orders of the Day.
Notices of Motion.

Debate ensued.
Mr. Watkins moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

16. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.—Mr. Deakin moved, by leave, That Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister, the Chairman of Committees, Mr. Kingston, Mr. McCay, Mr. McDonald, Mr. McLean, and Mr. Reid be Members of the Standing Orders Committee ; three to form a quorum.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

17. LIBRARY COMMITTEE.—Mr. Deakin moved, by leave, That Mr. Speaker, Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Groom, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Spence be Members of the Library Committee ; three to form a quorum.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

18. HOUSE COMMITTEE.—Mr. Deakin moved, by leave, That Mr. Speaker, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Knox, Sir Malcolm McEacharn, Mr. Page, Mr. Dugald Thomson, and Mr. Salmon be Members of the House Committee ; three to form a quorum.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

19. PRINTING COMMITTEE.—Mr. Deakin moved, by leave, That Mr. Ewing, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Harper, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Poynton, Sir John Quick, and Mr. Watkins be Members of the Printing Committee ; three to form a quorum.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

20. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—Mr. Mauger brought up the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech prepared by the Committee appointed this day, and the same was read by the Clerk, as follows :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the House of Representatives of The Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, beg to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament.

Mr. Mauger moved, That the Address be agreed to by the House.
Mr. Storrer seconded the motion.
Mr. Reid moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

21. PAPER.—Mr. Deakin, for Sir George Turner, presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Treasurers' Conference, 5th February to 12th February, 1904.—States' Debts, Transferred Properties, Immigration, &c.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

22. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at half-past two o'clock p.m.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty minutes past six o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Hughes, Mr. Lonsdale, and Mr. Bruce Smith.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 2.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 3RD MARCH, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER OATH TO MEMBERS.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received from His Excellency the Governor-General the following Commission :—

By His Excellency The Right Honorable HENRY STAFFORD, BARON NORTHCOTE, *Knight Grand Commander of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire; Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath; Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth of Australia.*

To The Honorable SIR FREDERICK WILLIAM HOLDER, Knight Commander of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia.

Greeting :

WHEREAS by the forty-second section of the Constitution of The Commonwealth of Australia it is enacted that every Member of the House of Representatives shall, before taking his seat, make and subscribe before the Governor-General, or some person authorized by him, an Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance in the form set forth in the Schedule to the aforesaid Constitution :

Now therefore I, the Governor-General aforesaid, do by these Presents command and authorize you from time to time in the Parliament House of the Commonwealth in the City of Melbourne to administer the said Oath to such Members of the House of Representatives as have not already taken and subscribed the same since their election to the said House of Representatives.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth of Australia, at Melbourne, this third day of March, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and four.

(L.S.) NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,
ALFRED DEAKIN.

3. MEMBER SWORN.—Edmund Lonsdale, Esq., made and subscribed the oath required by law.

4. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented—

Finance, 1902-3—The Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure during the year ended 30th June, 1903, accompanied by the Report of the Auditor-General.

Sir Philip Fysh presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Public Service Act 1902—Papers relating to the Promotion of P. Howe, Postmaster-General's Department.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, that the consideration of Orders of the Day, Nos. 1 and 2, be postponed until after the consideration of Notices of Motion, Nos. 1 and 2.

6. Days of Business.—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice, That, until otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the despatch of business at half-past Two o'clock on each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoon, and at half-past Ten o'clock on each Friday morning.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. Order of Government Business.—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice, *amended*, That on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday in each week, until otherwise ordered, Government business shall take precedence of all other business; and that on each Thursday until half-past Six o'clock, until otherwise ordered, General business shall take precedence of Government business.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 47.		Noes, 14.	
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Blackwood,	Mr. Thomas,
Sir Langdon Bonython,	Mr. McColl,	Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Gibb,	Mr. Wilson.
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. McLean,	Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. McWilliams,	Mr. Knox,	
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. O'Malley,	Mr. Liddell,	*Tellers.*
Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Page,	Mr. Poynton,	
Mr. Deakin,	Sir John Quick,	Mr. Skene,	Mr. Conroy,
Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Mr. Reid,	Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Glynn.
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Ronald,		
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Salmon,		
Mr. Fowler,	Mr. Spence,		
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Storrer,		
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. David Thomson,		
Sir Philip Fysh,	Mr. Tudor,		
Mr. Groom,	Sir George Turner,		
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Watkins,		
Mr. Johnson,	Mr. Watson,		
Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Webster,		
Mr. Kingston,	Mr. Wilks,		
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Willis.		
Mr. Lonsdale,	*Tellers.*		
Sir William Lyne,	Mr. Hume Cook,		
Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Crouch.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

8. Postponement of Order of the Day.—Ordered, That the consideration of Order of the Day, No. 1, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 2.

9. Order of General Business.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That on Friday in each week, until otherwise ordered, General business shall be called on in the following order, viz. :—

On one Friday—
Notices of Motion.
Orders of the Day.

On the alternate Friday—
Orders of the Day.
Notices of Motion—

And the question having been amended by omitting the word "Friday" wherever it occured therein, and by inserting the word "Thursday" in place thereof—

Question—That on Thursday in each week, until otherwise ordered, General business shall be called on in the following order, viz. :—

On one Thursday—
Notices of Motion.
Orders of the Day.

On the alternate Thursday—
Orders of the Day.
Notices of Motion—

put and resolved in the affirmative.

10. Distinguished Visitor.—With the unanimous approval of the House the Honorable Sir Jenkin Coles, Speaker of the House of Assembly of South Australia, was provided with a seat on the floor of the House.

11. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General, be agreed to by this House :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, beg to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Watson moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

12. PAPER.—Mr. Deakin presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
Immigration Restriction Act 1901—

Return of—
(*a*) Persons refused admission to the Commonwealth during the year 1903.
(*b*) Persons who passed the prescribed test during the year 1903.
(*c*) Persons admitted without being asked to pass the Education test during the year 1903.

Regulation No. 6—Cancellation of, and substitution of New Regulation—Certificate of Domicile (dated 9th December, 1903).

13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at nine minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, and Mr. Bruce Smith.

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Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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No. 3.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 4TH MARCH, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PETITION.—Mr. Ewing presented a Petition from certain citizens of the States of New South Wales and Victoria, praying that the House will make speedy provision during the present Session for the passage of a Bill which will provide for a bonus for or a duty on wire netting, and thus afford reasonable encouragement to private enterprise in continuing the wire netting industry in Australia.
   Petition received.

3. PAPERS.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
   S.S. *Petriana*—History of the Case, and Correspondence relating thereto.
   Transvaal—Correspondence relating to the introduction of Asiatics into.
   Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

4. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General, be agreed to by this House :—

   MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY

   We, the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, beg to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—

   Debate resumed.
   Mr. McLean moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
   Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
   Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
   Debate ensued.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at six minutes to three o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Gibb, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Harper, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. McCay, Mr. McColl, Sir Malcolm McEacharn, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Wilson.

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Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 8TH MARCH, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPERS.—Sir John Forrest presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
General Election, 16th December, 1903—Statement showing—
(1) Electors on Rolls.
(2) Votes recorded.
(3) Percentage of Votes to Electors.
(4) Expenses of Elections (Senate and House of Representatives) held 16th December, 1903.
(5) Comparison of Cost with first Commonwealth Elections.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Sir William Lyne presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Public Service Act 1902.—Promotion of Mr. W. H. Barkley as Senior Clerk, Central Staff, Department of Trade and Customs.—Copies of the Reports of the Permanent Head of the Department, and the recommendation of the Public Service Commissioner.

3. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to by this House :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia in Parliament assembled, beg to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament.

Debate resumed.
Mr. Webster moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

4. RETURN TO WRIT (WILMOT DIVISION).—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a Return to the Writ issued by His Excellency the Governor-General for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Wilmot, in the State of Tasmania, in the place of the Right Honorable Sir Edward Braddon, deceased, and that by the indorsement on the Writ it appeared that Donald Norman Cameron had been elected in pursuance of the said Writ.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twelve minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Brown, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Wilson.

G. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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No. 5.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH MARCH, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MEMBER SWORN.—Bruce Smith, Esq., made and subscribed the oath required by law.

3. PAPERS.—Sir John Forrest presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Property for Public Purposes Acquisition Act 1901—Notification of the Acquisition of Land—

From Mr. William Gilbert, the Trustee of the estate of the late J. C. Bray—at Fort Largs, South Australia, for Defence purposes.

From Miss Sarah Miller—at Scone, New South Wales, for the purpose of a Post and Telegraph Office.

4. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to by this House :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, beg to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Bruce Smith, addressing the House and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

5. PAPERS.—Mr. Deakin presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—

Judiciary Act 1903 and High Court Procedure Act 1903—High Court of Australia—Rules of Court—

Scale of Fees (dated 6th October, 1903).

Dates of Sittings (dated respectively 7th, 12th, and 27th October, 25th November, 4th and 16th December, 1903, and 25th January, 1904),

Appeals, &c. (dated 12th October, 1903).

Elections (dated 28th January, 1904).

Public Service Act 1902.—Appointment of Mr. A. G. Brown as Secretary to the Representative of the Government in the Senate—Copies of Minutes of the Permanent Head of the Attorney-General's Department and the Public Service Commissioner, and the Certificate of the Public Service Commissioner.

Rules Publication Act 1903—Rules under (dated 18th December, 1903).

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Phillips, and Mr. Reid.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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No. 6.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 10TH MARCH, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PRINTING COMMITTEE—FIRST REPORT FROM.—Mr. Poynton, Acting Chairman, brought up the First Report from the Printing Committee.

The Report was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have dealt with all the Papers and Petitions laid on the Table of the House since the commencement of the Session, and beg to recommend that the following be printed :—

Presented Papers—

Bonuses for Manufactures Bill—Report of the Royal Commission.
General Election 1903—Commonwealth of Australia—Statistics relating to.
Treasurers' Conference—States' Debts, &c.
Finance, 1902-3—The Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure.
Immigration Restriction Act 1901—Return of Persons refused admission, &c.
S.S. *Petriana*—History of the case and correspondence relating thereto.
Transvaal—Correspondence relating to the introduction of Asiatics into.
General Election 1903—Statement showing Electors on Rolls ; Votes recorded, &c., &c.

A. POYNTON,
Acting Chairman.

House of Representatives,
Committee Room, 10th March, 1904.

Mr. Poynton moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

3. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General, be agreed to by this House :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, beg to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—

Debate resumed.
Mr. Kingston moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirty-one minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, Mr. McCay, Mr. Phillips, and Mr. Reid.

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No. 7.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 11TH MARCH, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to by this House :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, the House of Representatives of The Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, beg to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—

Debate resumed.
Mr. Sydney Smith moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

3. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir John Forrest moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at seven minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Blackwood, Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. McColl, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Wilson.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 8.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 15TH MARCH, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MELBOURNE ELECTORAL DIVISION.—ORDER OF THE COURT OF DISPUTED RETURNS.—The Clerk laid upon the Table a letter which he had received from the Deputy Registrar of the High Court at Melbourne, forwarding a copy of an Order, made on 10th March instant, declaring the election held on 16th December last, for the Electoral Division of Melbourne, in the State of Victoria, to be absolutely void. The letter and Order were read by the Clerk and are as follow:—

High Court of Australia.

Principal Registry,
Melbourne, 12th March, 1904.

The Clerk of the House of Representatives,
Parliament House, Melbourne.

SIR,

In the matter of the Election of a Member of the House of Representatives for the Electoral Division of Melbourne, in the State of Victoria.

In pursuance of Section 202 of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act* 1902 I herewith forward you a Copy of the Order of the Court of Disputed Returns made herein.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
J. W. O'HALLORAN,
Deputy Registrar.

In the High Court of Australia.
Court of Disputed Returns:

In the matter of the Election of a Member of the House of Representatives for the Electoral Division of Melbourne, in the State of Victoria.

Before His Honour the Chief Justice,
Thursday, the tenth day of March, 1904.

This Petition coming on for trial the fourth day of March, 1904, and this day upon reading the Petition of William Maloney, filed the fifth day of February, 1904, and the appearance of Sir Malcolm Donald McEacharn, who was returned as a Member of the House of Representatives at the above-mentioned election, and upon hearing the evidence of William Augustin Newman, taken upon his oral examination, and upon reading the several exhibits put in evidence, and upon hearing what was alleged by Mr. Gaunson, of Counsel for the said William Maloney, and Mr. Mitchell, of Counsel for the said Sir Malcolm Donald McEacharn, this Court doth declare that the said Sir Malcolm Donald McEacharn was not duly elected at the said election, and this Court doth further declare that the said election was absolutely void, and this Court doth not think fit to make any Order as to the costs of the said Petition, except that the sum of Fifty pounds deposited with the Principal Registrar by the said William Maloney at the time of filing his said Petition be returned to him or to his solicitor, Mr. Andrew McGregor Lonie.

By the Court,

(L.S.)

J. W. O'HALLORAN,
Deputy Registrar.

3. MELBOURNE ELECTORAL DIVISION.—ISSUE OF WRIT.—Mr. Speaker announced to the House that, the High Court having declared the election held on 16th December last for the Electoral Division of Melbourne, in the State of Victoria, to be absolutely void, he would this day issue a Writ for a new election for the said Division. The dates appointed in the Writ would be approximately as follow :—

Date of Nomination	.. ..	Tuesday, 22nd March, 1904.
Date of Polling ..	.. ..	Wednesday, 30th, or Thursday, 31st March, 1904.
Return of Writ ..	.. ..	On or before Tuesday, 19th April, 1904.

4. DEATH OF SIR EDWARD BRADDON.—ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF VOTE OF CONDOLENCE.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received the following letter from Lady Braddon :—

"Treglith," Leith,
Thursday, 10.3.04.

Lady Braddon, on behalf of her family and herself, desires to convey, through the Hon. the Speaker of the House of Representatives, her deep appreciation of the honour paid to the memory of her late husband, Sir Edward Braddon, in the Resolution of the House at its first sitting, and heartfelt thanks to those who so kindly moved and seconded, and so unanimously agreed to the same.

5. PETITION.—Mr. Knox presented a Petition from E. E. Smith and others, styling themselves respectively president, vice-president, and executive committee of the Central Council of Employers of Australia, praying that the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Bill be referred to a Select Committee to consider the whole subject in all its bearings, and to strike out of the Bill all its provisions based upon powers not now in the hands of the Commonwealth, and which are reserved to the States, and to confine the scope of the measure to matters strictly within the letter and the spirit of the Constitution; such Committee to have power to take evidence upon the probable operation and effects of the measure, and further praying that the House will not pass the Bill.

Petition, after debate, received and read.

6. PAPERS.—Sir George Turner presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Audit Act 1901—Transfers of amounts approved by His Excellency the Governor-General in Council, Financial year 1903–4.

Sir John Forrest presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Electoral Act 1902—Regulations under, dated 19th October, 11th, 21st, and 26th November, 1903, respectively.

7. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General, be agreed to by this House :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, the House of Representatives of The Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, beg to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—

Debate resumed.
Sir John Forrest moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

8. PAPER.—Sir John Forrest presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Chief Electoral Officer's reply to certain remarks of the Chief Justice of the High Court in the case of *Maloney* v. *McEacharn*.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Blackwood, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Ewing, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Willis.

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No. 9.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH MARCH, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MEMBER SWORN.—Donald Norman Cameron, Esquire, was introduced, and made and subscribed the oath required by law.

3. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to by this House :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, the House of Representatives of The Parliament ot the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, beg to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—

Debate resumed.
Mr. McDonald moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
And, after debate—
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twelve minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Blackwood, Mr. Brown, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Reid, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Willis.

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No. 10.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 17TH MARCH, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MEMBER SWORN.—William Morris Hughes, Esquire, made and subscribed the oath required by law.

3. PRINTING COMMITTEE—SECOND REPORT FROM.—Sir John Quick, Chairman, brought up the Second Report from the Printing Committee.
The Report was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have dealt with all Petitions presented and Papers laid on the Table of the House since the last sitting of the Committee, and beg to recommend that the following be printed :—

Petition—

From E. E. Smith and others, styling themselves respectively president, vice-president, and executive committee of the Central Council of Employers of Australia, praying that the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Bill be referred to a Select Committee and further praying that the House will not pass the Bill.

JOHN QUICK,
Chairman.

House of Representatives;
Committee Room, 17th March, 1904.

Sir John Quick moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General, be agreed to by this House :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, the House of Representatives of The Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, beg to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—

Debate resumed.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. SUPPLY.—Sir William Lyne, in accordance with Standing Order No. 240, moved, That the House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. WAYS AND MEANS.—Sir William Lyne, in accordance with Standing Order No. 240, moved, That the House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES—METHOD OF ELECTION.—Mr. McLean, addressing the House, was about to move, pursuant to notice, That the method of election of the Chairman of Committees of this House shall be open exhaustive ballot, but, by leave, did not proceed therewith.

8. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.—Mr. McLean moved, pursuant to notice, That the honorable Member for Laanecoorie (Mr. Charles Carty Salmon) be appointed Chairman of Committees of this House.

Mr. McDonald moved, as an amendment, that the words "Laanecoorie (Mr. Charles Carty Salmon)" be omitted, with a view to insert in place thereof the words "Boothby (Mr. Egerton Lee Batchelor)."

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 29.		Noes, 27.	
Mr. Hume Cook,	Mr. McCay,	Mr. Bamford,	Mr. Poynton,
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. McLean,	Mr. Brown,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. McWilliams,	Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. Ewing,	Sir John Quick,	Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Thomas,
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Robinson,	Mr. Culpin,	Mr. David Thomson,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Skene,	Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Tudor,
Mr. Gibb,	Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Fowler,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Storrer,	Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,	Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Webster,
Mr. Johnson,	Sir George Turner,	Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Wilkinson.
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Wilson.	Mr. Hutchison,	
Mr. Kennedy,		Mr. Kingston,	*Tellers.*
Mr. Knox,	*Tellers.*	Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Liddell,		Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Conroy,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. O'Malley,	Mr. McDonald.
Sir William Lyne,	Mr. Mauger.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the honorable Member for Laanecoorie (Mr. Charles Carty Salmon) be appointed Chairman of Committees of this House—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Salmon, at the request of Mr. Speaker, having taken the Chair as Deputy Speaker——

9. SEAT OF SIR FREDERICK W. HOLDER QUESTIONED.—Mr. Mahon moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the honorable Member for Wakefield, Sir Frederick William Holder, K.C.M.G., has, by his acceptance of a fee or honorarium for services rendered to the Commonwealth between the 23rd day of November, 1903, and the 2nd day of March, 1904, vacated his seat as a Member of the House of Representatives.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Speaker having resumed the Chair——

10. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered, That the consideration of the intervening business be postponed until after the consideration of Notice of Motion No. 8.

11. CHINESE LABOUR IN THE TRANSVAAL.—Mr. Watson moved, pursuant to notice, *amended*, That this House records its grave objection to the introduction of Chinese labour into the Transvaal until a referendum of the white population of the colony has been taken on the subject, or responsible Government is granted.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Dugald Thomson moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow, and take precedence.

12. TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES.—The following Warrant, nominating Temporary Chairmen of Committees, pursuant to Standing Order No. 25, was laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:—

The Parliament of the Commonwealth.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order numbered 25, I do hereby nominate—

Egerton Lee Batchelor, Esquire,
Littleton Ernest Groom, Esquire,
Charles McDonald, Esquire, and
William Henry Wilks, Esquire,

to act as Temporary Chairmen of Committees when requested so to do by the Chairman of Committees.

Given under my hand this seventeenth day of March, One thousand nine hundred and four.

F. W. HOLDER,
Speaker.

13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at five minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Blackwood, Mr. Chapman, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Willis.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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No. 11.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 18TH MARCH, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. IMPORTS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM DURING 1903.—Mr. Dugald Thomson moved, pursuant to notice, That a Return be laid upon the Table of the House showing—
   (1) The total amount of duty collected in the Commonwealth on goods, the product of the United Kingdom, during the year 1903.
   (2) The total value of such goods.
   (3) The total value of free goods, the product of the United Kingdom, entered inwards during the year 1903.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

3. APPOINTMENT OF THE FEDERAL PATENTS COMMISSIONER.—Mr. Robinson moved, by leave, pursuant to notice, That a copy of all papers in connexion with the appointment of the Federal Patents Commissioner be laid on the Table of this House.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. FOREIGN IMMIGRANTS AND EMIGRANTS DURING 1903.—Mr. Carpenter moved, by leave, pursuant to notice (for Mr. Frazer), That a Return be laid on the Table of the House showing—
   (*a*) Number of Chinese and Japanese admitted from places outside the Commonwealth into the various States during 1903; and the number who have departed during the same period.
   (*b*) Number of Austrians and Italians who have been admitted from places outside the Commonwealth into the various States during 1903.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. CHINESE LABOUR IN THE TRANSVAAL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this House records its grave objection to the introduction of Chinese labour into the Transvaal until a referendum of the white population of the colony has been taken on the subject, or responsible Government is granted.
   Debate resumed.
   Mr. Johnson moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "House" be omitted, with a view to insert in place thereof the words "views with extreme regret the proposal to import Chinese labour into the Transvaal, regarding such a step as prejudicial to the best interests of the colony."
   Debate continued.
   Mr Cameron moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
   And, after debate—
   Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
   Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

6. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until half-past three o'clock p.m. on Tuesday next.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. ADDRESS in REPLY.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Address which had been agreed to in reply to the Governor-General's Speech on the Opening of Parliament, would be presented to His Excellency at Government House on Tuesday next, at twenty minutes to three o'clock in the afternoon. Mr. Speaker stated that he would be glad if such honorable Members as were able to do so, would accompany him to present the Address.

8. WIMMERA ELECTORAL DIVISION.—ORDER OF THE COURT OF DISPUTED RETURNS.—The Clerk laid upon the Table a letter which he had received from the Deputy Registrar of the High Court at Melbourne, forwarding a copy of an Order, made on 12th March instant, dismissing the Petition of Maximilian Hirsch against the return of Pharez Phillips, for the Electoral Division of Wimmera, in the State of Victoria. The letter and Order were read by the Clerk, and are as follow :—

High Court of Australia.

Principal Registry,
Melbourne, 18th March, 1904.

The Clerk of the House of Representatives,
Parliament House, Melbourne.

SIR,

In the matter of the Election of a Member of the House of Representatives for the Electoral Division of Wimmera, in the State of Victoria.

In pursuance of Section 202 of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act* 1902 I herewith forward you a copy of the Order of the Court of Disputed Returns made herein.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
J. W. O'HALLORAN,
Deputy Registrar.

In the High Court of Australia,
Principal Registry,
Court of Disputed Returns.

In the matter of the Election of a Member of the House of Representatives for the Electoral Division of Wimmera, in the State of Victoria.

Before His Honour the Chief Justice,
Saturday, 12th day of March, 1904.

This Petition coming on for trial this day, upon reading the Petition of Maximilian Hirsch, filed the eighth day of February, 1904, and the appearance of Pharez Phillips, who was returned as a Member of the House of Representatives at the above-mentioned election, and upon hearing what was alleged by Mr. Mitchell, of Counsel for the said Maximilian Hirsch, and Mr. McCay, of Counsel for the said Pharez Phillips, no evidence being tendered by the said Maximilian Hirsch, this Court doth order that the Petition of the said Maximilian Hirsch be and the same is hereby dismissed, and this Court doth not think fit to make any order as to the costs of the said Petition except that the sum of Fifty pounds deposited with the Principal Registrar by the said Maximilian Hirsch at the time of filing his said Petition be returned to him or to his Solicitor, Mr. Henry Rawdon Francis Chomley.

By the Court,
(L.S.) J. W. O'HALLORAN,
Deputy Registrar.

9. PAPER.—The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk—

Imports from the United Kingdom during 1903—Return to an Order of the House dated 18th March, 1904.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-one minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Blackwood, Sir Langdon Bonython, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Harper, Mr. Higgins, Mr. McColl, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Wilks, and Mr. Willis.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
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No. 12.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 22ND MARCH, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—Mr. Speaker reported that, accompanied by honorable Members, he had this day waited upon His Excellency the Governor-General, and had presented to him the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech on the Opening of Parliament, agreed to by the House on the 17th instant, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply :—

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN—

It is with extreme pleasure that I receive from you the Address adopted by the House of Representatives in reply to the Speech delivered by me on the occasion of the Opening of the First Session of the Second Commonwealth Parliament. I trust that the deliberations of the House of Representatives during the ensuing Session will be productive of much benefit to the people of the Commonwealth.

NORTHCOTE.

3. PAPER.—The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

Appointment of the Federal Patents Commissioner.—Return to an Order of the House dated 18th March, 1904.

4. MANUFACTURES ENCOURAGEMENT BILL.—Sir William Lyne moved, pursuant to notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Bounties for the Encouragement of Manufactures.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That Sir William Lyne do prepare and bring in the Bill.
Sir William Lyne then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Bounties for the Encouragement of Manufactures,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

5. COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Deakin moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Dugald Thomson moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
And, after debate—
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

6. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—MANUFACTURES ENCOURAGEMENT BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented by Sir William Lyne, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General.

Message No. 1.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of The Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act relating to Bounties for the Encouragement of Manufactures.

Government House,
Melbourne, 22nd March, 1904.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

7. Postponement of Orders of the Day.—Ordered, That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Nos. 2 and 3, Government Business, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 1.

8. Chinese Labour in the Transvaal.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this House records its grave objection to the introduction of Chinese labour into the Transvaal until a referendum of the white population of the colony has been taken on the subject, or responsible Government is granted—*And on the amendment proposed thereto, viz.*:—That all the words after the word "House" be omitted, with a view to the insertion in place thereof of the words "views with extreme regret the proposal to import Chinese labour into the Transvaal, regarding such a step as prejudicial to the best interests of the colony"—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 45.

Mr. Bamford,	Mr. Mahon,
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. McCay,
Sir Langdon Bonython,	Mr. McColl,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. O'Malley,
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Crouch,	Sir John Quick,
Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Spence,
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Storrer,
Mr. Fowler,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. David Thomson,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Tudor,
Sir Philip Fysh,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Webster,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Wilks.
Mr. Kingston,	*Tellers.*
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Mauger,
Sir William Lyne,	Mr. Poynton.

Noes, 13.

Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Skene,
Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Mr. Gibb,	Mr. Wilson.
Mr. Glynn,	
Mr. Kelly,	*Tellers.*
Mr. Knox,	
Mr. Liddell,	Mr. R. Edwards,
Mr. McWilliams,	Mr. Johnson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That this House records its grave objection to the introduction of Chinese labour into the Transvaal until a referendum of the white population of the colony has been taken on the subject, or responsible Government is granted—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 54.

Mr. Bamford,	Sir William Lyne,
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. Mahon,
Sir Langdon Bonython,	Mr. Mauger,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. McCay,
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. McColl,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. McWilliams,
Mr. Culpin,	Mr. O'Malley,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Page,
Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Mr. Poynton,
Sir John Forrest,	Sir John Quick,
Mr. Fowler,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Spence,
Sir Philip Fysh,	Mr. Storrer,
Mr. Glynn,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Groom,	Mr. David Thomson,
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Johnson,	Mr. Webster,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Wilks.
Mr. Kingston,	*Tellers.*
Mr. Knox,	
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Fisher,
Mr. Liddell,	Mr. Tudor.

Noes, 5.

Mr. R. Edwards,	*Tellers.*
Mr. Gibb,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Wilson.	Mr. Skene.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House at two minutes past ten o'clock p.m. adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Blackwood, Mr. Hume Cook, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. Reid, Mr. Robinson, and Mr. Bruce Smith.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 13.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD MARCH, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. ERROR IN DIVISION LIST.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that in the second Division which took place yesterday in connexion with the motion in reference to the introduction of Chinese labour into the Transvaal, the Tellers for the Ayes inadvertently omitted to record the name of the honorable Member for Hume (Sir William Lyne), and that he would direct the Clerk to correct the Division List accordingly.

3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 1, Government Business, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 2.

4. MANUFACTURES ENCOURAGEMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Sir William Lyne moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Dugald Thomson moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

5. MANUFACTURES ENCOURAGEMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 1 having been read—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Wilks reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain Resolution.
Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.
And thereupon the said Resolution was read, and is as follows:—

Resolved—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act relating to Bounties for the Encouragement of Manufactures.

And the said Resolution was adopted by the House.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 3, 4, and 5, Government Business, be postponed until the next day of sitting.

7. WATER CONSERVATION—MURRAY RIVER.—Mr. McColl moved, pursuant to notice—

(1) That, in the opinion of this House, the prosperity of Australia as a whole, and the development of the interior more especially, depends on the utilization of its waters.
(2) That this great question should receive the early attention of the Government of the Commonwealth.
(3) That it is desirable that a scheme of conserving and locking the waters of the River Murray, in the interests of irrigation and navigation, should be formulated and carried out by joint action on the part of the Commonwealth and the States of New South Wales, South Australia, and Victoria, and that the Government should take such steps as it may deem necessary to bring about such joint action without delay.
(4) That the petition received by this House from certain residents in the Northern district of Victoria and the Riverina district of New South Wales on the 25th June, 1903, be taken into consideration in conjunction with this motion.

Mr. G. B. Edwards moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 21st April next.

8. ADJOURNMENT FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday, 13th April next.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

9. PAPER.—Sir John Forrest presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Property for Public Purposes Acquisition Act 1901—Notification of the Acquisition of Land—At Mosman, New South Wales, for the purposes of a Post and Telegraph Office—From Mrs. Agnes Hepburn, and all persons having any estate, right, title, or interest therein.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at nine minutes past five o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, 13th April next, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Blackwood, Mr. Hume Cook, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. Phillips, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Spence.

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No. 14.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH APRIL, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. RETURN TO WRIT (MELBOURNE DIVISION).—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a Return to the Writ which he had issued on the 15th March last, for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Melbourne, in the State of Victoria, and that by the indorsement on the Writ it appeared that William Robert Nuttall Maloney had been elected in pursuance of the said Writ.

3. MEMBER SWORN.—William Robert Nuttall Maloney, Esquire, was introduced, and made and subscribed the oath required by law.

4. PETITION.—Mr. Skene presented a Petition from J. A. Campbell and others, styling themselves members of the Pastoralists' Federal Council of Australia, praying that the House will omit from the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Bill the clauses giving preference to unionists, as such preference would inflict grave injustice upon and cause serious injury to a large class of shearers and other pastoral employés who have no desire to become members of a Union and in many cases have strong objections to doing so.

   Petition received and read.

5. PAPERS.—Mr. Deakin presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

   Post and Telegraph Act 1901—Regulations for the use of Subscribers' Telephones by the Public on the Ticket System; Addition to Regulation as to "Reply Prepaid" Telegrams; New Regulation, No. 21, as to Money Orders—(dated 18th December, 1903).

   Sir George Turner presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

   Audit Act 1901—Transfers of Amounts approved by His Excellency the Governor-General in Council—Financial Year, 1903-4 (dated 24th March, 1904).

   Sir John Forrest presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

   Electoral Act 1902—Provisional Regulation, No. 8, Ballot-box for Postal Votes (dated 22nd March, 1904).

   The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

   Foreign Immigrants and Emigrants 1903.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 18th March, 1904.

6. IMPORTS FROM AND EXPORTS TO CANADA, SOUTH AFRICA, NEW ZEALAND, FIJI, AND NEW HEBRIDES.—Mr. G. B. Edwards moved, pursuant to notice, That a Return be laid upon the Table of the House showing separately the imports from and the exports to (1) the Dominion of Canada, (2) the South African Colonies, (3) New Zealand, (4) Fiji, and (5) the New Hebrides, distinguishing as far as possible the class of goods or products, for the years 1902 and 1903.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. PAPER.—The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

   Imports from and Exports to Canada, South Africa, New Zealand, Fiji, and New Hebrides.—Return to the foregoing Order of the House.

8. COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
Sir John Quick moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
And after debate—
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and negatived.
Debate continued.
Mr. Mauger moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—ACTS INTERPRETATION BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 1.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act for the Interpretation of Acts of Parliament and for Further Shortening their Language*," and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 13th April, 1904.

10. ACTS INTERPRETATION BILL.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message intituled "*A Bill for an Act for the Interpretation of Acts of Parliament and for Further Shortening their Language*," be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at six minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. Frazer, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. McColl, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Willis.

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No. 15.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 14TH APRIL, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PRINTING COMMITTEE—THIRD REPORT FROM.—Sir John Quick, Chairman, brought up the Third Report from the Printing Committee.
The Report was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have dealt with all Petitions presented and Papers laid on the Table of the House since the last sitting of the Committee, and beg to recommend that the following be printed :—

Paper—

Foreign Immigrants and Emigrants 1903—Return to an Order of the House, dated 18th March, 1904.

Your Committee also beg to recommend the printing of a summary which has been prepared of the Paper presented to the House on 3rd September, 1902 :—" Polling at First Federal Election —Return to an Order of the House, dated 10th October, 1901," in so far as it relates to the House of Representatives.

JOHN QUICK,
Chairman.

House of Representatives,
Committee Room, 14th April, 1904.

Sir John Quick moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

3. PETITION.—Mr. R. Edwards presented a Petition from S. Larard, styling himself Secretary of the Brisbane Chamber of Manufactures, praying that in the interest of the employés and employers in the producing, trading, industrial, and commercial world, the House will not pass the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Bill.
Petition received.

4. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.—Mr. Deakin moved, by leave, That the number of Members appointed to serve on the Standing Orders Committee be increased to nine, and that Mr. Dugald Thomson be a Member of such Committee.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. LIBRARY COMMITTEE.—Mr. Deakin moved, by leave, That the number of Members appointed to serve on the Library Committee be increased to eight, and that Mr. G. B. Edwards be a Member of such Committee.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. HOUSE COMMITTEE.—Mr. Deakin moved, by leave, That Mr. Mauger be a Member of the House Committee.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. PAPER.—Sir George Turner presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
Audit Act 1901—Transfers of amounts approved by His Excellency the Governor-General in Council (dated 13th April, 1904).

8. COMMONWEALTH LIFE AND ACCIDENT ASSURANCE DEPARTMENT.—Mr Hume Cook moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, there should be established a Commonwealth Life and Accident Assurance Department under the control, management, and guarantee of the Federal Government.
Debate ensued.
Sir George Turner moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 19th May, next.

9. HIGH COMMISSIONER BILL.—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the office of High Commissioner of the Commonwealth in the United Kingdom.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That Mr. Deakin do prepare and bring in the Bill.
Mr. Deakin then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide for the Office of High Commissioner of the Commonwealth in the United Kingdom*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

10. COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time —
Debate resumed.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered, that the consideration of the Order of the Day, No. 2, Government Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

12. ACTS INTERPRETATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill, Mr. Deakin moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and agreed to the same with amendments.
Mr. Deakin moved, by leave, That the Report be now adopted.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the third reading be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

13. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

14. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-one minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. Frazer, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Harper, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Willis.

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No. 16.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 19TH APRIL, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. RIVERINA ELECTORAL DIVISION.—ORDER OF THE COURT OF DISPUTED RETURNS.—The Clerk laid upon the Table a letter which he had received from the Deputy Registrar of the High Court at Melbourne, forwarding a copy of an Order, made on 13th April instant, declaring the election held on 16th December last, for the Electoral Division of Riverina, in the State of New South Wales, to be absolutely void. The letter and Order were read by the Clerk, and are as follow :—

High Court of Australia.

Principal Registry,
Melbourne, 14th April, 1904.

SIR,

In the matter of the Election of a Member of the House of Representatives for the Electoral Division of Riverina, in the State of New South Wales.

In pursuance of Section 202 of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act* 1902 I herewith forward you a Copy of the Order of the Court of Disputed Returns made herein.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

J. W. O'HALLORAN,
Deputy Registrar.

The Clerk of the House of Representatives,
Parliament House, Melbourne.

In the High Court of Australia, sitting as a Court of Disputed Returns:

In the matter of the Election of a Member of the House of Representatives for the Electoral Division of Riverina.

Before His Honour the Chief Justice,
Wednesday, the thirteenth day of April, 1904.

This Petition coming on for trial at Melbourne on the tenth, eleventh, and twelfth days of March, 1904, and afterwards on the eleventh, twelfth, and thirteenth days of April, 1904, and upon reading the Petition of John Moore Chanter, filed herein, and the appearance of Robert Officer Blackwood, who was returned as a Member of the House of Representatives at the above-mentioned election, and upon hearing the evidence of Burgess Tait, taken upon his oral examination, and upon reading the affidavit of Francis Carl Mueller, sworn and filed herein, together with the Exhibit annexed thereto, and the Deputy Registrar's certificate as to the result of a Re-count, dated the twenty-first day of March, 1904, and made in pursuance of the direction given to him by Order dated the twelfth day of March, 1904, and upon hearing what was alleged by Sir John Quick, of Counsel for the said Petitioner, and by Mr. Mitchell, and afterwards by Mr. Bryant, of Counsel for the said Respondent, this Court doth declare that the said Robert Officer Blackwood was not duly elected at the said election, and the said Court doth further declare that the said election was

absolutely void, and this Court doth further order that the Respondent do pay to the Petitioner his costs of and occasioned by the said Petition so far as the same relate to the claim by the said Petitioner that he received a majority of votes, and ought to have been returned at the said election up to and inclusive of Monday, the eleventh instant, such costs to be taxed by the Deputy Registrar of the High Court, and when so taxed to be paid by the Respondent to the Petitioner or his solicitor, Mr. B. P. B. Rymer; and this Court doth further order that the sum of Fifty pounds deposited with the Principal Registrar by the said John Moore Chanter at the time of his filing his said Petition be returned to him or to his solicitor, Mr. B. P. B. Rymer.

By the Court,

(L.S.) J. W. O'HALLORAN,
Deputy Registrar.

3. RIVERINA ELECTORAL DIVISION.—ISSUE OF WRIT.—Mr. Speaker announced to the House that he would this day issue a Writ for a new election for the Electoral Division of Riverina, in the State of New South Wales, the Court of Disputed Returns having declared the election held on 16th December last for the said Division to be absolutely void. The dates appointed in the Writ would be as follow :—

Date of Nomination—Wednesday, 4th May.
Date of Polling—Wednesday, 18th May.
Return of Writ—On or before Saturday, 18th June.

4. ELECTION PETITION.—The Clerk laid upon the Table a copy of an Election Petition which he had received from the District Registrar of the High Court, at Hobart, under section 202 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act, viz. :—Petition of Donald Norman Cameron against the return of Sir Philip Oakley Fysh as member for the Electoral Division of Denison, in the State of Tasmania—Gazetted in the *Commonwealth Gazette* of 13th February, 1904.

5. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—KALGOORLIE TO PORT AUGUSTA RAILWAY SURVEY BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented by Sir John Forrest, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,

Governor-General. *Message No.* 2.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to Authorize the Survey of Route for a Railway to connect Kalgoorlie, in the State of Western Australia, with Port Augusta, in the State of South Australia.

Melbourne, 19th April, 1904.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

6. PAPER.—Sir John Forrest presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Conference of Commonwealth Electoral Officers of States, March, 1904—Report of.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

7. ACTS INTERPRETATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the third reading of this Bill—Mr. Deakin moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

8. COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House at twenty minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Cameron, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Kingston, Mr. McWilliams, and Mr. Watkins.

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No. 17.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH APRIL, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. KINGSTON).—Mr. Deakin moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one month be granted to the honorable Member for Adelaide (Mr. Kingston), on the ground of ill-health.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

3. PAPERS.—Sir George Turner presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
   Audit Act 1901—Transfers of Amounts approved by His Excellency the Governor-General in Council—Financial Year 1903-4—
   Dated 18th April, 1904.
   Dated 19th April, 1904.

4. KALGOORLIE TO PORT AUGUSTA RAILWAY SURVEY BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 2—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
   Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
   Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-one minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Kingston*, and Mr. Bruce Smith.

* On leave.

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No. 18.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 21ST APRIL, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered, that General Business and Order of the Day No. 1, Government Business, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 2, Government Business.

3. COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

   Resolved—That the House will, on Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. PAPER.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

   British New Guinea—Annual Report for the year ending 30th June, 1903.

   Ordered to lie on the Table.

5. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at eight minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Kingston*, and Mr. Bruce Smith.

* On leave.

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No. 19.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH APRIL, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. RESIGNATION OF LATE, AND FORMATION OF NEW MINISTRY.—Mr. Watson informed the House that he had been invited by His Excellency the Governor-General to form a new Ministry, and read from a copy of this day's *Government Gazette* a list showing that, accordingly, a new Ministry had been formed as follows :—

The Honorable John Christian Watson to be Treasurer ;
The Honorable William Morris Hughes to be Minister of State for External Affairs ;
The Honorable Henry Bournes Higgins, K.C., to be Attorney-General ;
The Honorable Egerton Lee Batchelor to be Minister of State for Home Affairs ;
The Honorable Andrew Fisher to be Minister of State for Trade and Customs ;
The Honorable Anderson Dawson to be Minister of State for Defence ;
The Honorable Hugh Mahon to be Postmaster-General ;
and that
The Honorable Gregor McGregor had been called to the Executive Council as Vice-President of that body.

Mr. Deakin subsequently informed the House of the resignation of the late Ministry.

3. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watson moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday, 18th May next.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. PAPERS.—Mr. Watson presented by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Bisley Rifle Team—Recommendations made by Major-General Sir Edward Hutton, General Officer Commanding the Military Forces of the Commonwealth, on the subject of sending an Australian Rifle Team to Bisley.

Mr. Batchelor presented by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Federal Capital—Proposed Sites—Minute by the Right Honorable Sir John Forrest, P.C., G.C.M.G., on the localities in the Tumut and Southern Monaro Districts of New South Wales, suggested as sites for the Seat of Government of the Commonwealth.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

5. DENISON ELECTORAL DIVISION.—ORDER OF THE COURT OF DISPUTED RETURNS.—The Clerk laid upon the Table a letter which he had received from the District Registrar of the High Court at Hobart. The letter was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :—

High Court of Australia.

Tasmania District Registry,
Hobart, 20th April, 1904.

The Clerk of the House of Representatives,
Melbourne.

SIR,

In accordance with Section 202 of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act* 1902, I have the honour to inform you that the Petition against the return of Sir P. O. Fysh as Member for the Electoral District of Denison, in Tasmania, in the House of Representatives was, on the 18th inst., dismissed, with costs.

It is improbable that an order will be taken out in the matter.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
PHILIP S. SEAGER,
District Registrar.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watson moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-nine minutes past three o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, 18th May next, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Kingston*, and Mr. Bruce Smith.

* On leave.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH MAY, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPER.—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Watson presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

   Members of First Parliament of the Commonwealth—Title of "Honorable."—Copy of letter from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to His Excellency the Governor-General, dated the 23rd March, 1904, regarding the use of the title of "Honorable" by Members of the First Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia.

   Mr. Watson, in order to allow him to make a Ministerial Statement of the Policy of the Government, moved, That the Despatch from the Secretary of State be printed.

   Mr. Deakin, addressing the House and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

   Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—ACTS INTERPRETATION BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

   MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 2.*

   The Senate has agreed to the amendments made by the House of Representatives in the Bill for "*An Act for the Interpretation of Acts of Parliament and for Further Shortening their Language.*"

   R. C. BAKER,
   President.

   The Senate,
   Melbourne, 18th May, 1904.

4. PAPERS.—Mr. Watson presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

   Audit Act 1901—Transfers of Amounts approved by His Excellency the Governor-General in Council—Financial Year 1903-4—
   Dated 27th April, 1904.
   Dated 12th May, 1904.

   Mr. Fisher presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—

   Public Service Act 1902—Examiner in Electricity, Patents Office, Department of Trade and Customs—Correspondence relating to the appointment of Mr. B. Wallach.

   Customs Act 1901, section 168.—Drawback Regulation as to import duty paid on sugar used in the manufacture of condensed milk (dated 30th March, 1904—Statutory Rules, 1904, No. 14).

   Patents Act 1903, section 29.—Provisional Regulation (dated 30th April, 1904).

   The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—

   Troops supplied by States to Imperial Forces in South Africa.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 18th June, 1902 (*Part Return presented on 18th June*, 1902).

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
   Debate ensued.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at nine minutes to five o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Kennedy, and Mr. Phillips.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 19TH MAY, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPERS.—Mr. Watson presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Transcontinental Railway (Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta)—Copies of Telegrams between the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth and the Premier of South Australia with reference to.

Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

Mr. Batchelor presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Federal Capital Proposed Sites—Observations and interim Report by Percy T. Owen, Inspector-General of Works, and Reports by Surveyors Scrivener and Chesterman on the proposed Sites in the Southern Monaro and Tumut Distr[illegible]

Ordered to lie on the Tabl[illegible]

Mr. Mahon presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

English Mail Service—Papers relating to.

Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

Mr. Mahon presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Postmaster-General's Department—Abstract of Papers *re* Official Recognition of Associations of Officers of the Postmaster-General's Department in Victoria (subsequent to 13th April, 1904—the date of questions by Mr. Tudor, in the House of Representatives).

Ordered to lie on the Table.

3. ELECTIONS IN OTHER COUNTRIES—CONDUCT OF, AND MECHANICAL CONTRIVANCES IN USE AT.—Mr. G. B. Edwards moved, pursuant to notice, That the experience of the recent general election suggests the desirableness of the Government obtaining the fullest information (by commission or otherwise) of the conduct of elections in other countries, including the operation of mechanical contrivances for registering and counting votes, with a view to the introduction of such machines to the Commonwealth.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. ELECTORAL ACT ADMINISTRATION.—Mr. Brown moved, pursuant to notice, *amended*—

(1) That, in view of the unsatisfactory manner in which the last general elections were conducted throughout the Commonwealth, a Select Committee be appointed to investigate and report upon the administration of the Commonwealth Electoral Act, and to report results of such investigation to this House.

(2) That such Select Committee consist of Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Groom, Mr. Maloney, Mr. Mauger, Mr. McCay, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Storrer, Mr. Dugald Thomson, and the Mover.

(3) That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records; and that four be the quorum of such Committee.

Mr. Maloney moved, as an amendment, That the name of Mr. Maloney be omitted from the proposed Committee, and the name of Sir William Lyne be inserted in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, in accordance with Standing Order No. 119 the debate was interrupted, and the Order of the Day, General Business, was called on, and was adjourned until Thursday, 2nd June next.

Debate resumed.

The amendment moved by Mr. Maloney was, by leave, withdrawn.
Debate continued.
Mr. Cameron moved, as an amendment, That the words "with power to suggest amendments in the existing Electoral Act" be added to paragraph (1).
Debate continued.
Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put and negatived.
Mr. Joseph Cook moved, as an amendment, That the names of Mr. Maloney, Mr. Poynton, and Mr. Dugald Thomson be omitted from the proposed Committee, and that the following names be inserted in place thereof, viz. :—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Kelly, Sir William Lyne, and Mr. McLean.
Debate continued.
And the names of the proposed Committee having been so amended, except that the omission of the name of Mr. Poynton was not agreed to—

Question—

(1) That, in view of the unsatisfactory manner in which the last general elections were conducted throughout the Commonwealth, a Select Committee be appointed to investigate and report upon the administration of the Commonwealth Electoral Act, and to report results of such investigation to this House;

(2) That such Select Committee consist of Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Groom, Mr. Kelly, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Mauger, Mr. McCay, Mr. McDonald, Mr. McLean, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Storrer, and the Mover;

(3) That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records; and that four be the quorum of such Committee—

—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the Committee do report by Thursday, 16th June next.

5. Message from the Senate.—Government Manufacture and Sale of Tobacco, etc.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

Mr. Speaker, *Message No.* 3.

The Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the following Resolution, which was agreed to by the Senate this day, viz. :—

That, in the opinion of this Senate, in order to provide the necessary money for the payment of old-age pensions and for other purposes, the Commonwealth Government should undertake the manufacture and sale of tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes.

The Senate, R. C. BAKER.
Melbourne, 19th May, 1904. President.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 16th June next.

6. Members of First Parliament of the Commonwealth—Title of "Honorable."—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated 23rd March, 1904, regarding the use of the title of "Honorable" by Members of the First Parliament of the Commonwealth, be printed (on which motion the Ministerial Statement of the Government Policy was made)—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Sydney Smith moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

7. Adjournment.—Mr. Watson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirty-three minutes past nine o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present except—Mr. Ewing and Mr. Kingston.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 20TH MAY, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPER.—Mr. Watson presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

   Transcontinental Railway (Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta)—Copies of telegrams between the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth and the Premier of Western Australia with reference to.

   Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

3. MEMBERS OF FIRST PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH—TITLE OF "HONORABLE."—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated 23rd March, 1904, regarding the use of the title of "Honorable" by Members of the First Parliament of the Commonwealth, be printed (on which motion the Ministerial Statement of the Government Policy was made)—

   Debate resumed.

   Mr. Hughes, addressing the House and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

   Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watson moved, That the House do now adjourn.

   Debate ensued.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at sixteen minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Ewing, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Kingston, Mr. McCay, and Mr. McColl.

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No. 23.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 24TH MAY, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPER.—Mr. Watson presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

   Audit Act 1901.—Transfers of Amounts approved by His Excellency the Governor-General in Council.—Financial Year 1903–4 (dated 19th May, 1904).

3. MEMBERS OF FIRST PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.—TITLE OF "HONORABLE."—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated 23rd March, 1904, regarding the use of the title of "Honorable" by Members of the First Parliament of the Commonwealth, be printed (on which motion the Ministerial Statement of the Government Policy was made)—

   Debate resumed.

   Mr. Kelly moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

   Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

   Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watson moved, That the House do now adjourn.

   Debate ensued.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at nine minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Sir George Turner.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH MAY, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. ELECTORAL ACT ADMINISTRATION—SELECT COMMITTEE.—Mr. McLean moved, by leave, That the Select Committee on Electoral Act Administration have leave to sit at any time, and to report the minutes of evidence from time to time.
   Debate ensued.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

3. MEMBERS OF FIRST PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.—TITLE OF "HONORABLE."—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated 23rd March, 1904, regarding the use of the title of "Honorable" by Members of the First Parliament of the Commonwealth, be printed (on which motion the Ministerial Statement of the Government Policy was made)—
   Debate resumed.
   Sir John Forrest moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
   And after debate—
   Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
   Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

4. PAPER.—Mr. Mahon presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
   Postmaster-General's Department—Letter from Mr. F. L. Outtrim, Deputy Postmaster-General, Victoria, *re* Official Recognition of Associations of Officers of the Postmaster-General's Department in Victoria (*in continuation of Paper laid upon the Table on 19th instant*).
   Ordered to lie on the Table.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. Harper, Mr. Kingston, and Sir George Turner.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 26TH MAY, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPERS.—Mr. Batchelor presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

   Postmaster-General's Department.—Wolloongabba Post Office—Papers *re* proposed erection of new building for.

   Ordered to lie on the Table.

   Mr. Watson presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

   Audit Act 1901.—Transfers of Amounts approved by His Excellency the Governor-General in Council.—Financial Year 1903–4 (dated 23rd May, 1904).

3. FLAG OF THE COMMONWEALTH.—Mr. Crouch moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the Australian flag, as officially selected, should be flown upon all forts, vessels, saluting places, and public buildings of the Commonwealth upon all occasions when flags are used.

   Debate ensued.

   Mr. Watkins moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

   Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

   Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday next.

4. LEGISLATION *re* COMMONWEALTH COINAGE AND CURRENCY.—Mr. G. B. Edwards moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the Attorney-General should introduce the necessary legislation to give effect to the recommendations contained in the report of a Select Committee on Commonwealth Coinage and Currency, adopted by the House on 19th June, 1903.

   Mr. Batchelor moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

   Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

   Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 9th June next.

5. KING ISLAND MAIL SERVICE.—Mr. O'Malley moved, pursuant to notice, That, in view of the enormous increase of the population of King Island and the magnitude of its agricultural and commercial importance (the island lying midway between the States of Victoria and Tasmania), in the opinion of this House the Postmaster-General should make arrangements with the Union Steamship Company for its steamer plying between Melbourne and Strahan, Tasmania, to call at King Island, and to stay there long enough to deliver the mails at Currie Harbor or Sea Elephant Bay.

   Debate ensued.

   Sir William Lyne moved, That the question be amended as follows, viz. :—

   Line 4, after "should" insert "endeavour to"; line 4, after "make" insert "better"; lines 4 to 6, omit "with the Union Steamship Company for its steamer plying between Melbourne and Strahan, Tasmania, to call at King Island, and to stay there long enough to deliver", and insert in place thereof "for the landing of".

   Debate continued.

   And the proposed amendments having been agreed to—

   Question—That, in view of the enormous increase of the population of King Island and the magnitude of its agricultural and commercial importance (the island lying midway between the States of Victoria and Tasmania), in the opinion of this House the Postmaster-General should endeavour to make better arrangements for the landing of the mails at Currie Harbor or Sea Elephant Bay—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. General Officer Commanding and State Commandants—Travelling Expenses of.—Mr. Maloney moved, pursuant to notice, That a Return be laid upon the Table of the House, showing—

(1) What sum per diem is drawn by Major-General Hutton as travelling allowance when he is absent from Melbourne.
(2) How many days Major-General Hutton was absent on his recent visit to Tasmania.
(3) What sum was paid to, or applied for by, Major-General Hutton as travelling expenses in respect of the visit in question to Tasmania.
(4) How many days Major-General Hutton was absent from Melbourne on his Easter visit to New South Wales.
(5) What sum was paid to, or applied for by, Major-General Hutton as travelling expenses in respect of the visit in question to New South Wales.
(6) What was the total sum paid to, or applied for by, Major-General Hutton as travelling expenses in 1902.
(7) The same information for 1903.
(8) The same information for 1904.
(9) The sums paid or applied for as travelling expenses of Major-General Hutton's aide-de-camp for each of the years 1902, 1903, and 1904.
(10) The sum paid or applied for as travelling expenses for Major-General Hutton's private secretary for each of the years 1902, 1903, and 1904.
(11) Whether Major-General Hutton travelled with an orderly.
(12) If so, what was the sum annually paid for his travelling expenses.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Poynton moved, That the question be amended by the addition of the following paragraph, viz. :—

"(13) Similar information regarding the travelling expenses of each of the six State Commandants for 1902 and 1903."

Debate continued.

Question—That the paragraph proposed to be added be so added—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the original question, as so amended, was put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. Members of First Parliament of the Commonwealth.—Title of "Honorable."—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated 23rd March, 1904, regarding the use of the title of "Honorable" by Members of the First Parliament of the Commonwealth, be printed (on which motion the Ministerial Statement of the Government Policy was made)—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated 23rd March, 1904, regarding the use of the title of "Honorable" by Members of the First Parliament of the Commonwealth, be printed—put and resolved in the affirmative.

8. Special Adjournment.—Mr. Watson moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

9. Adjournment.—Mr. Watson moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at eight minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present except—Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. Kingston, Mr. McColl, and Sir George Turner.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 31st MAY, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. Paper.—The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
   General Officer Commanding and State Commandants—Travelling Expenses of.—Return (as far as relates to General Officer Commanding) to an Order of the House dated 26th May, 1904.

3. Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Bill.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
   Resolved—That the House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. Return to Writ (Riverina Division).—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a Return to the Writ which he had issued on the 19th April last, for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Riverina, in the State of New South Wales, and that by the indorsement on the Writ it appeared that John Moore Chanter had been elected in pursuance of the said Writ.

5. Member Sworn.—John Moore Chanter, Esquire, was introduced, and made and subscribed the oath required by law.

6. Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Bill.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
   Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. Paper.—Mr. Batchelor presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
   Public Service Act 1902.—Amendment of Regulation No. 172.—Life Assurance (dated 4th May, 1904).

8. Adjournment.—Mr. Watson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
   Debate ensued.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House at ten minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Sir George Turner, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Willis.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 1ST JUNE, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

3. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-four minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Bruce Smith, Sir George Turner, and Mr. Willis.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 2ND JUNE, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. WATER CONSERVATION—MURRAY RIVER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—

   (1) That, in the opinion of this House, the prosperity of Australia as a whole, and the development of the interior more especially, depends on the utilization of its waters.

   (2) That this great question should receive the early attention of the Government of the Commonwealth.

   (3) That it is desirable that a scheme of conserving and locking the waters of the River Murray, in the interests of irrigation and navigation, should be formulated and carried out by joint action on the part of the Commonwealth and the States of New South Wales, South Australia, and Victoria, and that the Government should take such steps as it may deem necessary to bring about such joint action without delay.

   (4) That the petition received by this House from certain residents in the Northern district of Victoria and the Riverina district of New South Wales on the 25th June, 1903, be taken into consideration in conjunction with this motion—

   Debate resumed.
   Mr. Batchelor moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
   Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
   Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 30th instant.

3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 2, General Business, be postponed until Thursday, 14th July next.

4. FLAG OF THE COMMONWEALTH.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That, in the opinion of this House, the Australian flag as officially selected should be flown upon all forts, vessels, saluting places, and public buildings of the Commonwealth upon all occasions when flags are used—

   Mr. Bamford moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
   And after debate—
   Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and negatived.
   Debate on main question continued.
   Question—That, in the opinion of this House, the Australian flag as officially selected should be flown upon all forts, vessels, saluting places, and public buildings of the Commonwealth upon all occasions when flags are used—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. SUPPLY.—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—

   Question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and negatived.
   Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. PAPER.—Mr. Fisher presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

   Patents Act 1903—Provisional Regulations (dated 31st May, 1904).

7. COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. Harper, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Sir George Turner, and Mr. Willis.

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No. 29.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 3RD JUNE, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

   Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

3. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at five minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kel'y, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Sir George Turner, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Willis.

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No. 30.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 7TH JUNE, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPER.—Mr. Batchelor presented by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Federal Capital —Dalgety proposed Site—Report by Mr. T. Pridham *re* Water Supply and Water Power.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

3. ORIGINAL PAPERS LAID UPON TABLE—PROCEDURE IN REGARD TO.—Mr. Speaker made the following statement to the House :—

In compliance with an Order of the House, all the Papers in regard to the appointment of the Commissioner of Patents were laid upon the Table on the 22nd March last. The Papers supplied were the originals, not copies, and the Department of Trade and Customs are now anxious to have them returned. A strict compliance with the Standing Orders and Parliamentary practice would prevent Papers, which had once been formally laid on the Table, being returned. As, however, it appears improbable that the Papers I have referred to will be further required by the House, I propose, with the concurrence of the House, to authorize their return.

While upon this question, I would like to point out to the House that, where Members are desirous to peruse Papers, which it is considered inadvisable to copy on account of their bulk, and the consequent cost, Members would probably be equally well served by the Minister placing them on the Library Table instead of the Table of the House. There would then be no difficulty in their return as soon as Members interested had perused them.

At the same time, where for any reason it may be found necessary to lay *original* Papers on the Table of the House, I propose, with the approval of the House, in future, to allow them to be returned, if applied for, in any case where it appears improbable that they will be further required by honorable Members.

4. COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watson moved That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at three minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Poynton, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Sir George Turner, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Wilks.

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No. 31.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH JUNE, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Sir John Forrest rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The intention of the Postmaster-General not to recognise military prefixes or titles conferred by the Crown under the law upon officers holding appointments in the Postal Department."

Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and five Members having accordingly risen—

Sir John Forrest moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 119, in order that the Orders of the Day might be called on.

3. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND BUILDINGS, 1903-4.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented by Mr. Watson, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 3.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the Year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and four, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Melbourne, 8th June, 1904.

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 4.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, and Buildings for the Year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and four, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Melbourne, 8th June, 1904.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply.

4. SUPPLY.—The Order of the Day for the Committee of Supply having been read—
Question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had agreed to certain resolutions.
Mr. Watson moved, pursuant to notice *amended*, That the Standing Orders be suspended in order to enable all steps to be taken to obtain Supply and to pass the necessary Bills through all their stages without delay.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Salmon also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. SUPPLY RESOLUTIONS—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND BUILDINGS, 1903–4.—The resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply were read, and are as follow :—

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1903–4.

Resolved—That the following further sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1903–4 for the several services hereunder specified, viz. :—

	£
I. The Parliament	544
II. The Department of External Affairs	30
III. The Attorney-General's Department	2,169
IV. The Department of Home Affairs	17,070
V. The Department of the Treasury	2,117
VI. The Department of Trade and Customs ..	23,277
VII. The Department of Defence	9,683
VIII. The Postmaster-General's Department ..	82,326

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, AND BUILDINGS, 1903–4.

Resolved—That the following further sum be granted to His Majesty for the several services hereunder specified for the year 1903–4, viz. :—

	£
Additions, New Works, and Buildings	42,294

And the said resolutions were adopted by the House.

6. WAYS AND MEANS.—The Order of the Day for the Committee of Ways and Means having been read—
Question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had agreed to certain resolutions.
Mr. Salmon also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTIONS.—The resolutions reported from the Committee of Ways and Means were read, and are as follow :—

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1903–4.

Resolved—That towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year ending 30th June, 1904, a sum not exceeding One hundred and thirty-seven thousand two hundred and sixteen pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1903–4, FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, AND BUILDINGS.

Resolved—That towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, and Buildings, for the year ending 30th June, 1904, a sum not exceeding Forty-two thousand two hundred and ninety-four pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

And the said resolutions were adopted by the House.
Ordered—That Mr. Watson do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing resolutions.

8. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1903–4.—Mr. Watson then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a further sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and four,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Watson moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and agreed to the same with an amendment.
On the motion of Mr. Watson, the House adopted the Report.
Mr. Watson moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

9. Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1903–4.—Mr. Watson also brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a further sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and four for purposes of Additions, New Works, and Buildings*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Watson moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and agreed to the same without amendment.
On the motion of Mr. Watson, the House adopted the Report.
Mr. Watson moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

10. Adjournment.—Mr. Watson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House at seven minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present except—Mr. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Sir George Turner, and Mr. Wilks.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 9TH JUNE, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 1, General Business, be postponed until Thursday, 16th instant.

3. COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SEAT OF GOVERNMENT BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 4.*

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to determine the Seat of Government of the Commonwealth,*" and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 9th June, 1904.

5. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT BILL.—Mr. Batchelor moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*A Bill for an Act to determine the Seat of Government of the Commonwealth,*" be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1903-4.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 5.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a further sum to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and four,*" to which it has agreed without requests.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 9th June, 1904.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1903-4.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 6.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a further sum to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and four for purposes of Additions, New Works, and Buildings*" to which it has agreed without amendment.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 9th June, 1904.

8. KALGOORLIE TO PORT AUGUSTA RAILWAY SURVEY BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 2—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

9. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watson moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watson moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at eighteen minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Mauger, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Sir George Turner, and Mr. Wilks.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH JUNE, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. ELECTORAL ACT ADMINISTRATION—TIME FOR REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.—Mr. McLean moved, by leave, That the time for bringing up the Report of the Select Committee on Electoral Act Administration be extended to Tuesday, the 19th July proximo.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. JOSEPH COOK).—Mr. Sydney Smith moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one month be granted to the honorable Member for Parramatta (Mr. Joseph Cook), on account of illness.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
   Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House at twenty-two minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Brown, Mr. Joseph Cook*, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Sir George Turner*, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Willis.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 16TH JUNE, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PRINTING COMMITTEE.—FOURTH REPORT FROM.—Sir John Quick, Chairman, brought up the Fourth Report from the Printing Committee.

The Report was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have dealt with all Petitions presented and Papers laid on the Table of the House since the last sitting of the Committee.

Your Committee find that the following Papers have been printed by order of the Senate since the last meeting of your Committee :—

Audit Act 1901—Transfers of amounts (dated 13th April, 1904).
Federal Capital—Proposed Sites—

Observations and Interim Report by Lieut.-Colonel Owen on Sites in Southern Monaro and Tumut Districts.
Report by Surveyor Scrivener on Southern Monaro Site.
Report by Surveyor Chesterman on Tumut Site.
Report by Sir John Forrest on Lyndhurst Site.
Report by Mr. T. Pridham *re* Dalgety Site—Water Supply and Water Power.

Your Committee recommend that, in addition, the following be printed :—

Conference of Commonwealth Electoral Officers of States—Report of.
British New Guinea—Annual Report for year ending 30th June, 1903.
Federal Capital—Proposed Sites—Minute by Sir John Forrest on suggested Sites in the Tumut and Southern Monaro Districts.

JOHN QUICK,
Chairman.

House of Representatives,
Committee Room, 16th June, 1904.

Sir John Quick moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

3. PAPERS.—Mr. Fisher presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Hides, Sheepskins, and Rags—Statement showing exports of, during 1901, 1902, and 1903.
Opium—Reports in regard to opium-smoking, in Victoria, South Australia, and Western Australia.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 1 General Business, be postponed until Thursday, 7th July next.

5. LEGISLATION *re* COMMONWEALTH COINAGE AND CURRENCY.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That, in the opinion of this House, the Attorney-General should introduce the necessary legislation to give effect to the recommendations contained in the report of a Select Committee on Commonwealth Coinage and Currency, adopted by the House on 19th June, 1903—

Debate resumed.
Mr. Liddell moved, as an amendment, That the words "the Attorney-General should introduce" be omitted.
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put and negatived.

And the question having been further amended by the insertion of the words " should be introduced " after the word " legislation "—

Debate continued.

Question—That, in the opinion of this House, the necessary legislation should be introduced to give effect to the recommendations contained in the report of a Select Committee on Commonwealth Coinage and Currency, adopted by the House on 19th June, 1903—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. Federal Capital Proposed Sites—Cost of Inspections, Reports, etc.—Mr. Robinson moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing—

(1) The total cost of the Parliamentary visits of inspection to the proposed Federal Capital sites.
(2) The total cost and expenses of all inspections and reports by various officers appointed to inspect such sites.
(3) The total cost and expenses of the Royal Commission on the Federal Capital.
(4) The total cost of all maps, plans, and other documents relating to the Federal Capital, including the cost of issuing and distribution.
(5) The total weight of all documents, plans, maps, &c., printed in relation to the selection of a Federal Capital site.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Batchelor moved, as an amendment, That paragraphs 4 and 5 be omitted, and that the following paragraph be inserted in place thereof, viz. :—

" (4) The total cost of printing and distributing documents relating to the Federal Capital."

And the proposed amendment having been agreed to—

Debate continued.

Question—That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing—

(1) The total cost of the Parliamentary visits of inspection to the proposed Federal Capital sites.
(2) The total cost and expenses of all inspections and reports by various officers appointed to inspect such sites.
(3) The total cost and expenses of the Royal Commission on the Federal Capital.
(4) The total cost of printing and distributing documents relating to the Federal Capital—

put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Bill.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. Adjournment.—Mr. Watson moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House at eighteen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present except—Mr. Brown, Mr. Joseph Cook*, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Mauger, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Sir George Turner*, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Willis.

* On leave.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 17TH JUNE, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Deputy Speaker took the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

3. SUBPŒNA.—PRODUCTION OF WRIT.—Mr. Deputy Speaker said—
"I have to inform the House that a subpœna has this day been served on the Clerk of the House, requiring him to attend on Monday next at the Supreme Court, Melbourne, in connexion with an information filed against one Olive Douglas for falsely personating, and to produce the Writ issued on the 15th March last for the election for the Electoral Division of Melbourne.
"If the House approves, the Clerk or some officer of his Staff will be authorized to attend and produce the Writ, as required by the subpœna."

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirty-eight minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Brown, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Joseph Cook*, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Mauger, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Thomas, Sir George Turner*, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Willis.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 21st JUNE, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Bill.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Wilks reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

3. Papers.—Mr. Watson presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Audit Act 1901—Transfers of Amounts approved by His Excellency the Governor-General in Council.—Financial year 1903-4—(dated 18th June, 1904).

Mr. Fisher presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Customs Act 1901—Regulations under (to take effect from 1st July, 1904—Statutory Rules, No. 25).

4. Adjournment.—Mr. Watson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirty-four minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present except—Mr. Brown, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Joseph Cook*, Mr. Kingston, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Spence, and Sir George Turner.*

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND JUNE, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Poynton rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The question of Sub-contracting."
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than five Members having accordingly risen—
Mr. Poynton moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.

3. COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at fourteen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Conroy, Mr. Joseph Cook*, Mr. Harper, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Reid. Mr. Bruce Smith, and Sir George Turner.*

* On leave.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 23RD JUNE, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPERS.—Mr. Batchelor presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Elections—

Melbourne Division—Report of the Divisional Returning Officer on the Election held on 30th March, 1904.

Riverina Division—Report of the Divisional Returning Officer on the Election held on 18th May, 1904.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Batchelor presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Public Service Act 1902 — Classification of the Public Service, prepared by the Public Service Commissioner.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

Mr. Batchelor presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Public Service Act 1902 — First Annual Report on the Public Service, by the Public Service Commissioner.

3. SUPPLY.—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—

Question proposed—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watson moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirty-eight minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Joseph Cook*, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Reid, Mr Bruce Smith, and Sir George Turner.*

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 24TH JUNE, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. DEATH OF MR. COPELAND (AGENT-GENERAL FOR NEW SOUTH WALES).—Mr. Watson informed the House that he had, with great regret, to announce the death of Mr. Copeland, Agent-General for New South Wales, who had on several occasions acted for the Commonwealth.
Mr. Deakin and Sir William Lyne also expressed their regret in connexion with the death of the honorable gentleman.

3. COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-two minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Joseph Cook*, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Harper, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Maloney, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Sir George Turner*.

* On leave.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 28TH JUNE, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPERS.—Mr. Hughes presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Chinese Labour in the Transvaal—Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies in reference to the resolution agreed to by the House of Representatives on 22nd March, 1904.

Mr. Fisher presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Customs—Statistical Reports for the various States of the Commonwealth for the years 1901 and 1902.

Opium—Report in regard to opium-smoking in Tasmania.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Watson presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Defence Act 1903—Naval Forces—Amendment of Financial and Allowance Regulations, Part II., par. 51 (to come into operation on 1st July, 1904.—Statutory Rules 1904—No. 29).

3. FIRE INSURANCE—COST TO COMMONWEALTH.—Mr. Hume Cook moved, pursuant to notice, That a Return be laid upon the Table of the House showing—

(1) The total sum paid by the Commonwealth in Fire Insurance premiums from 1st January, 1901, to 1st January, 1904.
(2) The total loss sustained during the period named.
(3) The sums received from Fire Insurance Companies as against such loss.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watson moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House at half-past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Joseph Cook*, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Kingston, Mr. McCay, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Ronald, Mr. Storrer, Sir George Turner*, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Webster, Mr. Wilks, and Mr. Willis.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 29TH JUNE, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—PAPUA (BRITISH NEW GUINEA) BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented by Mr. Hughes, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 8.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of The Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the acceptance of British New Guinea as a Territory under the authority of the Commonwealth, and for the Government thereof.

Government House,
Sydney, 23rd June, 1904.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

3. COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Batchelor moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House at two minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Hume Cook, Mr. Joseph Cook*, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Liddell, Mr. Phillips, Sir John Quick, Mr. Robinson, Sir George Turner*, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Webster, Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. Wilks, and Mr. Willis.

* On leave.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 30TH JUNE, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented by Mr. Watson, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 9.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of The Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and five.

Sydney, 29th June, 1904.

Ordered to lie on the Table and to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

3. PAPER.—Mr. Watson presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia.—Second Annual Report, with Appendices, by Major-General Sir Edward Hutton, Commanding.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

4. WATER CONSERVATION—MURRAY RIVER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—

(1) That, in the opinion of this House, the prosperity of Australia as a whole, and the development of the interior more especially, depends on the utilization of its waters.

(2) That this great question should receive the early attention of the Government of the Commonwealth.

(3) That it is desirable that a scheme of conserving and locking the waters of the River Murray, in the interests of irrigation and navigation, should be formulated and carried out by joint action on the part of the Commonwealth and the States of New South Wales, South Australia, and Victoria, and that the Government should take such steps as it may deem necessary to bring about such joint action without delay.

(4) That the petition received by this House from certain residents in the Northern district of Victoria and the Riverina district of New South Wales on the 25th June, 1903, be taken into consideration in conjunction with this motion—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Glynn, addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for this Day.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered, That the remaining General Business be postponed until after the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 2, Government Business.

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6. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.
Mr. Watson moved, pursuant to notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended in order to enable all steps to be taken to obtain Supply and to pass a Supply Bill through all its stages without delay.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Salmon also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—Mr. Salmon reported from the Committee of Supply a certain resolution, which was read, and is as follows :—

Resolved—That a sum not exceeding One hundred and twenty thousand pounds be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year ending 30th June, 1905.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.

8. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.
Mr. Salmon also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

9. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.—Mr. Salmon reported from the Committee of Ways and Means a certain resolution, which was read, and is as follows :—

Resolved—That towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year ending 30th June, 1905, a sum not exceeding One hundred and twenty thousand pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.
Ordered—That Mr. Watson do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

10. SUPPLY BILL (No. 1).—Mr. Watson then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and five,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Watson moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—WITNESS BEFORE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 7.

The Senate requests that the House of Representatives will give leave to the Hon. Austin Chapman, a Member of such House, to attend if he think fit, and be examined as a witness before the Select Committee of the Senate on "Privilege—Case of Senator Lieut.-Col. Neild."

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 30th June, 1904.

Mr. Watson moved, That the House authorizes Mr. Chapman to attend accordingly if he thinks fit.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

12. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—WITNESS BEFORE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 8.

The Senate requests that the House of Representatives will give leave to the Right Honorable Sir John Forrest, G.C.M.G., a Member of such House, to attend if he think fit, and be examined as a witness before the Select Committee of the Senate on the Case of Major J. W. M. Carroll.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 30th June, 1904.

Mr. Watson moved, That the House authorizes Sir John Forrest to attend accordingly if he thinks fit.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

13. WATER CONSERVATION—MURRAY RIVER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—

(1) That, in the opinion of this House, the prosperity of Australia as a whole, and the development of the interior more especially, depends on the utilization of its waters.

(2) That this great question should receive the early attention of the Government of the Commonwealth.

(3) That it is desirable that a scheme of conserving and locking the waters of the River Murray, in the interests of irrigation and navigation, should be formulated and carried out by joint action on the part of the Commonwealth and the States of New South Wales, South Australia, and Victoria, and that the Government should take such steps as it may deem necessary to bring about such joint action without delay.

(4) That the petition received by this House from certain residents in the Northern district of Victoria and the Riverina district of New South Wales on the 25th June, 1903, be taken into consideration in conjunction with this motion—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Glynn, addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 28th July next.

14. SUPPLY BILL (No. 1).—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and agreed to the same without amendment.

On the motion of Mr. Hughes, the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Hughes moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

15. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

16. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at four minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Hume Cook, Mr. Joseph Cook*, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lee, Mr. Liddell, Mr. Lonsdale, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Phillips, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Skene, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Thomas, Sir George Turner*, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Webster, Mr. Wilks, and Mr. Willis.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 5TH JULY, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 9.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and five,*" to which it has agreed without requests.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 30th June, 1904.

3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented by Mr. Watson, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 10.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and five,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
Melbourne, 2nd July, 1904.

4. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. KINGSTON).—Mr. Batchelor moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one month be granted to the honorable Member for Adelaide (Mr. Kingston).
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirty-three minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Joseph Cook*, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. Lee, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Dugald Thomson, and Sir George Turner*.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH JULY, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPERS.—Mr. Batchelor presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Federal Capital Proposed Sites—

Southern Monaro District—Second Report (with plans) by C. R. Scrivener, Surveyor.

Tumut District—Second Report (with plans and appendices) by A. H. Chesterman, Surveyor.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Watson presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Defence Act 1903.—Naval Forces.—Addition to Financial and Allowance Regulations, to come into force on 1st July, 1904.—Part IX. (Statutory Rules, 1904.—No. 31).

3. COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight—

THURSDAY, 7TH JULY, 1904.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watson moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House at ten minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Joseph Cook*, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. Dugald Thomson, and Sir George Turner*.

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THURSDAY, 7TH JULY, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. AGRICULTURE.—PROPOSED FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF.—Sir John Quick moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, in order to promote the primary industries of Australia, a Federal Department of Agriculture ought to be established at an early date.
   Debate ensued.
   Mr. Groom moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
   And after debate—
   Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
   Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 21st instant.

3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Order of the Day General Business, be postponed until Thursday, 21st instant.

4. COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
   Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next.
   Debate ensued.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House do now adjourn.
   Debate ensued.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at seven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Joseph Cook*, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. Dugald Thomson, and Sir George Turner*.

*On leave.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 12TH JULY, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
   Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

3. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
   Debate ensued.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House at nine minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Bamford, Mr. Conroy, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. Lee, Mr. Liddell, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Page, and Sir George Turner*.

* On leave.

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Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH JULY, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPUA (BRITISH NEW GUINEA) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 8—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.
Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.
And thereupon the said resolution was read, and is as follows:—

Resolved—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the acceptance of British New Guinea as a Territory under the authority of the Commonwealth, and for the Government thereof.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.
Ordered—That Mr. Hughes do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Hughes then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide for the acceptance of British New Guinea as a Territory under the authority of the Commonwealth, and for the Government thereof*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

3. COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House at thirteen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Bamford, Mr. Conroy, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Harper, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. Lee, Mr. Liddell, Mr. Page, and Sir George Turner*.

* On leave.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 14TH JULY, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PRINTING COMMITTEE.—FIFTH REPORT FROM.—Sir John Quick, Chairman, brought up the Fifth Report from the Printing Committee.

The Report was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have dealt with all the Papers laid on the Table of the House since the last sitting of the Committee.

Your Committee find that the following Papers have been printed by order of the Senate since the last meeting of your Committee :—

Customs Act 1901—Regulations under—(Statutory Rules, No. 25).

Elections—

Melbourne Division—Report of the Divisional Returning Officer on the Election held on 30th March, 1904.

Riverina Division—Report of the Divisional Returning Officer on the Election held on 18th May, 1904.

Defence Act 1903—

Naval Forces—

Amendment of Financial and Allowance Regulations (Statutory Rules, 1904, No. 29).

Addition to Financial and Allowance Regulations, 1904 (Provisional) (Statutory Rules, 1904, No. 31).

Military Forces—

Amendment of Financial and Allowance Regulations, 1904 (Provisional) (Statutory Rules 1904, No. 30).

Amendment of Regulations (Statutory Rules 1904, No. 32).

Your Committee recommend that, in addition, the following be printed :—

Public Service Act 1902—First Annual Report by the Public Service Commissioner.

Chinese Labour in the Transvaal—Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Military Forces—Second Annual Report by Major-General Sir Edward Hutton.

Federal Capital—Proposed Sites—

Southern Monaro District—Second Report (with plans), by C. R. Scrivener, Surveyor.

Tumut District—Second Report (with plans and appendices), by A. H. Chesterman, Surveyor.

JOHN QUICK,
Chairman.

House of Representatives,
Committee Room, 14th July, 1904.

Sir John Quick moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—WITNESS BEFORE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 10.

The Senate requests that the House of Representatives will give leave to the Honorable Austin Chapman, a Member of such House, to attend if he think fit, and be examined as a witness before the Select Committee of the Senate on the case of Major Carroll.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 14th July, 1904.

Mr. Watson moved, That the House authorizes Mr. Chapman to attend accordingly if he think fit.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. PAPER.—The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk—

General Officer Commanding and State Commandants—Travelling Expenses of—Return (as far as relates to Commandants, &c.) to an Order of the House dated 26th May, 1904 (*in completion of part Return presented* 31*st May, last*).

5. COMMONWEALTH LIFE AND ACCIDENT ASSURANCE DEPARTMENT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That in the opinion of this House, there should be established a Commonwealth Life and Accident Assurance Department under the control, management, and guarantee of the Federal Government—

Debate resumed.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. NAVIGATION BILL COMMISSION.—NAVIGATION CLAUSES AND THE CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL.—Mr. McWilliams moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, any clauses relating to Navigation proposed to be added to the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Bill should be remitted to the Royal Commission appointed to take evidence in connexion with the proposed Navigation Bill, for consideration and report—

Debate ensued.
Mr. McDonald moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the motion, viz.,
"That the resolution be forwarded to the Senate by Message for their concurrence."
Debate continued.
Mr. Hutchison addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech at half-past six o'clock, when, pursuant to Sessional Order, the time for precedence to General Business expired, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday next.

7. SUPPLY.—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—

Question proposed—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Batchelor moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House at twelve minutes to ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Bamford, Mr. Conroy, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. Lee, Mr. Liddell, Mr. Page, Mr. Bruce Smith, Sir George Turner, and Mr. Webster.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 15TH JULY, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

3. PAPER.—Mr. Watson presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
Defence Act 1903.—Military Forces.—Amendment of Regulations (Provisional), to come into operation on 1st July, 1904.—Part XVI., Rifle Clubs (Statutory Rules 1904, No. 36).

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House at eight minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Bamford, Mr. Brown, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Deakin, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Harper, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. Lee, Mr. Liddell, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. Page, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Skene, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Sir George Turner, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Wilson.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 19TH JULY, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Mauger rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "To consider the distress existing through want of employment and the action that should be taken for its relief."
   Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than five Members having accordingly risen—
   Mr. Mauger moved, That the House do now adjourn.
   Debate ensued.
   It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 119, in order that the Orders of the Day might be called on.
   Mr. Watson moved, That the Orders of the Day be postponed until after the debate on the motion now before the Chair is concluded.
   Debate ensued.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
   Debate on the original motion continued.
   Question—That the House do now adjourn—put and negatived.

3. COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with amendments.
   Ordered—That the consideration of the Report be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

4. ELECTORAL ACT ADMINISTRATION—TIME FOR REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Storrer moved, by leave, That the time for bringing up the Report of the Select Committee on Electoral Act Administration be further extended to Wednesday, the 31st August next.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at ten minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Chanter, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Harper, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. Maloney, Mr. Page, Sir John Quick, Mr. Skene, Mr. Bruce Smith, Sir George Turner, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Wilks, and Mr. Willis.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH JULY, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPERS.—Mr. Batchelor presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Federal Capital Proposed Sites.—Tooma District—Report by A. H. Chesterman, Surveyor.

Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

Mr. Watson presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Opium—Report in regard to opium-smoking in New South Wales.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

3. ELECTORAL ACT ADMINISTRATION. — ADDITIONAL POWER TO SELECT COMMITTEE. — Mr. McLean moved, by leave, That the Select Committee on Electoral Act Administration have leave to move from place to place.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Batchelor moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Wilson moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "That" be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof:—"in the opinion of this House it is inexpedient that a selection of the site for the Federal Capital be proceeded with at the present time, and that, with a view to securing greater freedom of choice in the future, steps should be taken to alter the Constitution by striking out the words 'and be distant not less than one hundred miles from Sydney' in the 125th section of the Constitution, and to add the words 'or Sydney' after 'Melbourne' in the same section."

Debate ensued.

Mr. G. B. Edwards moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Batchelor moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Chanter, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Harper, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. Maloney, Mr. Page, Mr. Bruce Smith, Sir George Turner, Mr. Wilks, and Mr. Willis.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 21st JULY, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. Industrial Laws—Alteration of Constitution in regard to.—Mr. Mauger moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, all necessary steps should be taken, before any General Election, to pass a Bill for the alteration of the Constitution, to enable the Commonwealth Parliament to enact uniform industrial laws, so that at the time of the election the Bill might be inexpensively submitted to the electors, as provided in section 128 of the Constitution.
   Debate ensued.
   Mr. Batchelor moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
   Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
   Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 4th August next.

3. Postponement of Orders of the Day.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 1 be postponed until Thursday, 4th August next, and that the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 2 be postponed until Thursday, 11th August next.

4. Navigation Bill Commission—Navigation Clauses and the Conciliation and Arbitration Bill.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That, in the opinion of this House, any clauses relating to Navigation proposed to be added to the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Bill should be remitted to the Royal Commission appointed to take evidence in connexion with the proposed Navigation Bill, for consideration and report—*and on the amendment proposed thereto, viz.*:—That the following words be added to the motion :—"That the resolution be forwarded to the Senate by Message for their concurrence"—
   Debate resumed.
   Mr. Tudor moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
   Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
   Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday next.

5. Special Adjournment.—Mr. Batchelor moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next.
   Debate ensued.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. Adjournment.—Mr. Watson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
   Debate ensued.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at a quarter to five o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Chanter, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Harper, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. Maloney, Mr. McColl, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Page, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Thomas, Sir George Turner, Mr. Wilks, and Mr. Willis.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 26TH JULY, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time, *and on the amendment proposed thereto, viz.*:—"That all the words after the word 'That' be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof:—'in the opinion of this House it is inexpedient that a selection of the site for the Federal Capital be proceeded with at the present time, and that, with a view to securing greater freedom of choice in the future, steps should be taken to alter the Constitution by striking out the words 'and be distant not less than one hundred miles from Sydney' in the 125th section of the Constitution, and to add the words 'or Sydney' after 'Melbourne' in the same section.'"

Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question – put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 46.		Noes, 3.	
Mr. Bamford,	Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Gibb.	*Tellers.*
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. Mauger,		
Sir Langdon Bonython,	Mr. McCay,		Mr. Robinson,
	Mr. McColl,		Mr. Wilson.
Mr. Brown,	Mr. McDonald,		
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. McLean,		
Mr. Hume Cook,	Mr. Page,		
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Reid,		
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Ronald,		
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Skene,		
Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Mr. Spence,		
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Storrer,		
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. David Thomson,		
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,		
Sir Philip Fysh,	Mr. Watkins,		
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Watson,		
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Webster,		
Mr. Johnson,	Mr. Wilkinson,		
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Wilks,		
Mr. Kingston,	Mr. Willis.		
Mr. Knox,			
Mr. Lee,	*Tellers.*		
Mr. Liddell,			
Sir William Lyne,	Mr. Sydney Smith,		
Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Tudor.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Batchelor moved, pursuant to notice—

(1) That this House do at its next sitting proceed to determine the opinion of Members as to the district in New South Wales in which the Seat of Government of the Commonwealth should be situated.

(2) That the selection be made from among the districts mentioned in the Schedule hereto.

(3) That the following be the method of selection, and that so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the House from adopting such method :—

An open exhaustive ballot shall be taken without debate in the following manner :—

(*a*) Ballot-papers shall be distributed to honorable Members, containing the names of the sites mentioned in the Schedule hereto.

(*b*) Members shall place a cross opposite the name of the site for which they desire to vote, and shall sign the paper.

(*c*) The ballot-papers shall then be examined by the Clerk.

(*d*) If, on the first examination, any site proves to have received an absolute majority of votes, the Speaker shall report the name of such site to the House, and such site shall be deemed to be the one preferred by honorable Members.

(*e*) If no site receives an absolute majority of votes, then the name of the site receiving the smallest number of votes shall be reported to the House and shall be struck out.

(*f*) If any two of the sites should receive an equal number of votes, such number of votes being the smallest, then the House shall ascertain in the customary manner which of such sites should, in the opinion of honorable Members, be further balloted for, and the name of the other shall be struck out.

(*g*) A further ballot shall then be taken on the names of the remaining sites, and the name of the site receiving the majority of votes shall be reported to the House by the Speaker, and such site shall be deemed to be the site preferred by honorable Members.

(*h*) The total number of votes given for each site shall be reported to the House after each ballot.

(*i*) The House shall thereupon resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

SCHEDULE.

Southern District.
South-Eastern District.
Western District.

Mr. McCay moved the following amendment, viz.:—

Omit paragraph (*b*) and insert in lieu thereof—

(*b*) Members shall number the sites in order of preference, numbering their first preference 1, their second preference 2, and so on.

Debate ensued.

Question—That paragraph (*b*) proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 33.		Noes, 13.	
Mr. Bamford,	Mr. Reid,	Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. Robinson,	Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Spence,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Skene.
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Storrer,	Mr. Kingston,	
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Knox,	*Tellers.*
Mr. Culpin,	Mr. David Thomson,	Mr. Lee,	
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,	Sir William Lyne,	Mr. Hume Cook,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Watkins,	Mr. McLean,	Mr. McCay.
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Watson,		
Sir Philip Fysh,	Mr. Webster,		
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Wilkinson,		
Mr. Johnson,	Mr. Willis,		
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Wilson.		
Mr. Liddell,			
Mr. Mahon,	*Tellers.*		
Mr. Maloney,			
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Sydney Smith,		
Mr. O'Malley,	Mr. Wilks.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Webster moved, as an amendment, That in the Schedule after the words "Southern District," the following words be inserted, viz., "(comprising an area of land within a radius of 50 miles from Batlow)".

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 26.		Noes, 20.	
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Salmon,	Mr. Bamford,	Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Hume Cook,	Mr. Skene,	Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Spence,	Mr. Brown,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Storrer,	Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Willis,
Sir Philip Fysh,	Mr. David Thomson,	Mr. Gibb,	Mr. Wilson.
Mr. Knox,	Mr. Tudor,	Mr. Higgins,	
Sir William Lyne,	Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Johnson,	
Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Webster.	Mr. Kelly,	*Tellers.*
Mr. Mauger,		Mr. Liddell,	
Mr. McDonald,		Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Joseph Cook,
Mr. McLean,	*Tellers.*	Mr. Reid,	Mr. Wilks.
Mr. O'Malley,			
Mr. Page,	Mr. Chapman,		
Mr. Ronald,	Mr. Groom.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

On the motion of Mr. Webster, the House agreed to the following further amendment in the Schedule, viz., after "South-Eastern District" insert "(comprising an area of land within a radius of 50 miles from Bombala)".

Mr. Webster moved, as a further amendment, That in the Schedule after the words "Western District" the following words be added, viz., "(comprising an area of land within a radius of 50 miles from Lyndhurst)".

Mr. Brown moved, That the proposed amendment be amended by omitting "Lyndhurst" and inserting "Orange" in place thereof.

Debate continued.

Question—That the word "Lyndhurst" proposed to be omitted, stand part of the proposed amendment—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the words proposed to be added to the Schedule be so added—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion, as amended, be agreed to—put.

Mr. Watson moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate upon the procedure for ballot, and the consideration of the Bill in Committee, be made Orders of the Day for to-morrow.

3. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watson moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House at twenty-seven minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Conroy, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Poynton, Sir John Quick, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Sir George Turner.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH JULY, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1904–5, AND FURTHER SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1902–3.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented by Mr. Watson, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,

Governor-General. *Message No.* 11.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and five.

27th July, 1904.

NORTHCOTE,

Governor-General. *Message No.* 12.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to appropriate a further sum to the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and three.

27th July, 1904.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table and to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

3. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had agreed to certain resolutions.

Mr. Watson moved, pursuant to notice, *amended*, That the Standing Orders be suspended in order to enable all steps to be taken to obtain Supply and to pass the necessary Bills through all their stages without delay.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Salmon also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. SUPPLY RESOLUTIONS.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1904–5, AND FURTHER SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1902–3.—Mr. Salmon reported from the Committee of Supply certain resolutions, which were read, and are as follow :—

SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1904–5.

Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Three hundred and seventeen thousand three hundred and eighty-seven pounds be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year ending 30th June, 1905.

FURTHER SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1902–3.

Resolved—That the following further sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1902–3 for the several services hereunder specified, viz. :—

		£
I.	The Parliament	39
IV.	The Department of Home Affairs ...	47
V.	The Department of the Treasury	2,565
VII.	The Department of Defence—	

South Australian Military Forces.

Division No. 130.

Active Forces.

Subdivision No. 1.—Pay.

Special Duty Pay as per Regulations ... ... *

Division No. 131.

Reserve Force.

Subdivision No. 1.—Pay.

Special Duty Pay as per Regulations ... ...

* Payable out of amount provided under corresponding Division and Subdivision of the Second Schedule to the Appropriation Act 1902-3.

VIII.	The Postmaster-General's Department ...	3,000

And the said resolutions were adopted by the House.

5. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had agreed to certain resolutions.

Mr. Salmon also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTIONS.—Mr. Salmon reported from the Committee of Ways and Means certain resolutions, which were read, and are as follow :—

SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1904–5.

Resolved—That towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year ending 30th June, 1905, a sum not exceeding Three hundred and seventeen thousand three hundred and eighty-seven pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

FURTHER SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1902–3.

Resolved—That towards making good the further supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year ended 30th June, 1903, a sum not exceeding Five thousand six hundred and fifty-one pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

And the said resolutions were adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Watson do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing resolutions.

7. SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1904–5.—Mr. Watson then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and five,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Watson moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and agreed to the same without amendment.

On the motion of Mr. Watson, the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Watson moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

8. FURTHER SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1902-3.—Mr. Watson also brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to appropriate a further sum for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and three,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Watson moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and agreed to the same without amendment.

On the motion of Mr. Watson, the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Watson moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

9. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.—PROCEDURE FOR BALLOT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question :—

(1) That this House do at its next sitting proceed to determine the opinion of Members as to the district in New South Wales in which the Seat of Government of the Commonwealth should be situated.

(2) That the selection be made from among the districts mentioned in the Schedule hereto.

(3) That the following be the method of selection, and that so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the House from adopting such method :—

An open exhaustive ballot shall be taken without debate in the following manner :—

(*a*) Ballot-papers shall be distributed to honorable Members, containing the names of the sites mentioned in the Schedule hereto.

(*b*) Members shall place a cross opposite the name of the site for which they desire to vote, and shall sign the paper.

(*c*) The ballot-papers shall then be examined by the Clerk.

(*d*) If, on the first examination, any site proves to have received an absolute majority of votes, the Speaker shall report the name of such site to the House, and such site shall be deemed to be the one preferred by honorable Members.

(*e*) If no site receives an absolute majority of votes, then the name of the site receiving the smallest number of votes shall be reported to the House and shall be struck out.

(*f*) If any two of the sites should receive an equal number of votes, such number of votes being the smallest, then the House shall ascertain in the customary manner which of such sites should, in the opinion of honorable Members, be further balloted for, and the name of the other shall be struck out.

(*g*) A further ballot shall then be taken on the names of the remaining sites, and the name of the site receiving the majority of votes shall be reported to the House by the Speaker, and such site shall be deemed to be the site preferred by honorable Members.

(*h*) The total number of votes given for each site shall be reported to the House after each ballot.

(*i*) The House shall thereupon resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

SCHEDULE.

Southern District (comprising an area of land within a radius of fifty miles from Batlow).
South-Eastern District (comprising an area of land within a radius of fifty miles from Bombala).
Western District (comprising an area of land within a radius of fifty miles from Lyndhurst)—

Mr. Watson moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the Schedule :—

"Provided that immediately before the ballot on the districts takes place, a preliminary ballot shall be taken for each district by the method aforesaid to determine which site in the district preferred in the district ballot shall be inserted in the Bill in Committee. The ballot in each district shall be on the sites mentioned in the following Schedule :—Southern—Batlow, Tumut, Welaregang. South-Eastern—Bombala, Dalgety. Western—Lyndhurst, Orange."

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 26.		Noes, 31.	
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. McWilliams,	Mr. Bamford,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Reid,	Sir Langdon Bonython,	Mr. O'Malley,
Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Mr. Robinson,	Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Page,
Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Poynton,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Spence,	Mr. Hume Cook,	Sir John Quick,
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,	Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Watson,	Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Gibb,	Mr. Willis,	Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Skene,
Mr. Johnson,	Mr. Wilson.	Mr. Fowler,	Mr. Storrer,
Mr. Kelly,		Mr. Frazer,	Mr. David Thomson,
Mr. Knox,		Sir Philip Fysh,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Liddell,	*Tellers.*	Mr. Kingston,	Mr. Webster,
Mr. Lonsdale,		Sir William Lyne,	Mr. Wilkinson.
Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Maloney,	*Tellers.*
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Glynn.	Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Groom,
		Mr. McColl,	Mr. Tudor.

And so it passed in the negative.

Question—That the proposed resolution be agreed to—put and resolved in the affirmative.

10. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1904–5.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 11.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and five,*" to which it has agreed without requests.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 27th July, 1904.

12. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—FURTHER SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1902–3.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 12.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to appropriate a further sum for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and three,*" to which it has agreed without requests.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 27th July, 1904.

13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House at twelve minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Sir George Turner.

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Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 28TH JULY, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Liddell rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The defective ventilation of the Chamber."
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than five Members having accordingly risen—
Mr. Liddell moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.

3. WATER CONSERVATION—MURRAY RIVER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—

(1) That, in the opinion of this House, the prosperity of Australia as a whole, and the development of the interior more especially, depends on the utilization of its waters.
(2) That this great question should receive the early attention of the Government of the Commonwealth.
(3) That it is desirable that a scheme of conserving and locking the waters of the River Murray, in the interests of irrigation and navigation, should be formulated and carried out by joint action on the part of the Commonwealth and the States of New South Wales, South Australia, and Victoria, and that the Government should take such steps as it may deem necessary to bring about such joint action without delay.
(4) That the petition received by this House from certain residents in the Northern district of Victoria and the Riverina district of New South Wales on the 25th June, 1903, be taken into consideration in conjunction with this motion—

Debate resumed.
Mr. Willis moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 25th August next.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 2 be postponed until Thursday next.

5. NEW HEBRIDES—CONTROL OF AND AUSTRALIAN SETTLEMENT IN.—Mr. Johnson moved, pursuant to notice, That in view of their strategical importance to the safety of British and Australian Commerce in the Pacific, consequent on the projected opening of a Canal through the Isthmus of Panama, the Commonwealth Government should afford every facility for Australian settlement in the New Hebrides Islands, and should represent to the British Government the importance of endeavouring to arrive at a more satisfactory agreement with the French Government respecting their control than that at present existing.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Crouch moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 25th August next.

6. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Batchelor moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House at thirty-eight minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT—All Members were present except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Sir George Turner.

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No. 57.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 29TH JULY, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Sydney Smith rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The desirability of obtaining further information from Mr. Wade, Chief Engineer of Water Conservation in New South Wales (who is now in Melbourne) concerning the volume and cost of water supply at or near Lyndhurst."
   Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
   Mr. Sydney Smith moved, That the House do now adjourn.
   Debate ensued.
   It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted, in accordance with Standing Order No. 119, and the Orders of the Day were called on.

3. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
   Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House at twenty minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. McColl, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Skene, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Sir George Turner.

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No. 58.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 2ND AUGUST, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented by Mr. Watson, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 13.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and five,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
Sydney, 28th July, 1904.

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 14.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to appropriate a further sum for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and three,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
Sydney, 28th July, 1904.

3. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 2, General Business, for Thursday, 4th instant, be an Order of the Day for Thursday, 11th instant.

5. PAPER.—Mr. Batchelor presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Federal Capital Proposed Sites—Report by Mr. L. A. B. Wade on the Water Supply at Lyndhurst.

Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Batchelor moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House at thirty-one minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Harper, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. Bruce Smith, Sir George Turner, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Wilson.

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No. 59.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD AUGUST, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
   Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

3. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Batchelor moved, That the House do now adjourn.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House at sixteen minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. Bruce Smith, Sir George Turner, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Wilson.

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No. 60.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 4TH AUGUST, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Deakin presented a Petition from Jessie S. Rooke (of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union) and Louisa Ardill, styling themselves electors of Burnie, Tasmania, and Sydney, New South Wales, respectively, praying that, in the measures proposed to be passed by the House for the government and control of British New Guinea, it will be enacted that the introduction, sale, and manufacture of intoxicating liquors shall be absolutely prohibited.

Petition received and read.

Similar Petitions were presented as under :—

By Mr. Carpenter—
From certain electors, belonging to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, in Western Australia.

By Mr. Johnson—
From certain electors of Brisbane (belonging to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union).

By Mr. McWilliams—
From certain electors of Tasmania (belonging to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union).

Petitions severally received.

3. CUSTOMS TARIFF RE-ADJUSTMENT.—Mr. Hume Cook moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the existing Customs Tariff is unscientific in its operation and mischievous in its effects; and that, with a special view to the promotion of the agricultural and manufacturing industries and the more settled employment of all classes of workers, a re-adjustment of its incidence on some of its leading lines is highly desirable.

Mr. Mauger moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 1st September next.

4. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watson moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. PAPERS.—Mr. Watson presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Defence Act 1903.—Military Forces—

Amendment of Financial and Allowance Regulations (Provisional).—Part VI., par. 136, and Part VII., par. 200A (dated 23rd July, 1904.—Statutory Rules 1904, No. 40).

Amendment of Regulations (Provisional).—Part XVI., Rifle Clubs (dated 23rd July, 1904.—Statutory Rules 1904, No. 41).

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Thursday, 18th instant.

7. SUPPLY.—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—
Question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and negatived.
Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Batchelor reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Batchelor moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at eight minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lonsdale, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Thomas, Sir George Turner, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Webster, Mr. Willis, and Mr. Wilson.

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No. 61.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 9TH AUGUST, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPER.—Mr. Batchelor presented by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

   Federal Capital Proposed Sites—Further Report by A. H. Chesterman, Surveyor, on the Tooma Site.

   Ordered to lie on the Table.

3. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT—BALLOT TO DETERMINE SITE OF.—The Order of the Day having been read for the taking of an open exhaustive Ballot to determine the opinion of Members as to the district in New South Wales in which the Seat of Government of the Commonwealth should be situated—

   The House proceeded to the said ballot.

   The Clerk having examined the ballot-papers, Mr. Speaker reported that the numbers of votes given in the first ballot were as follow :—

Southern District	21	Western District ..	25
South-Eastern District ..	22		

   No district having received an absolute majority of votes—

   The Southern District, having received the lowest number of votes, was then struck out of the ballot-papers.

   And the House then proceeded to a second ballot.

   The Clerk having examined the ballot-papers, Mr. Speaker reported that the numbers of votes given in the second and final ballot were as follow :—

South-Eastern District ..	39	Western District	28

   A district having received an absolute majority of votes, and the taking of the ballot having been thus completed—

4. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT BILL.—The House according to Order resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same with amendments.

   Ordered—That the consideration of the Report be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Batchelor moved, That the House do now adjourn.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House at six minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Kingston, Sir John Quick, and Mr. Thomas.

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No. 62.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH AUGUST, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PETITION.—Mr. Lee presented a Petition from Sara S. Nolan (of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, New South Wales) and Louisa Ardill, styling themselves electors of the Commonwealth, praying that, in the measures proposed to be passed by the House for the government and control of British New Guinea, it will be enacted that the introduction, sale, and manufacture of intoxicating liquors shall be absolutely prohibited.
   Petition received.

3. NEW HEBRIDES—STATISTICS AS TO.—Mr. Hume Cook moved, pursuant to notice, *amended*, That a Return be laid upon the Table of the House showing—
   (1) The number of British subjects resident in the New Hebrides.
   (2) The description and value of their surplus products for export.
   (3) The total amount of a full rebate of duties for one year on the products entering Australia.
   (4) The estimated amount of such rebates on a ten years' concession after providing for a reasonable increase in the volume of trade.
   (5) The total area of land held in 1903 and 1904 by British subjects, and the conditions upon which such land was held.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole House on this Bill—Mr. Batchelor moved, That the Report be now adopted.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
   On the motion of Mr. Batchelor, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the third reading to be moved this day.
   Mr. Batchelor moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

5. COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole House on this Bill—Mr. Watson moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clauses 4, 37, 38, 39, 46, 48, 52, 67, 68, 90, Schedule B, and the consideration of proposed new clauses 52A and 95A.
   Mr. McCay moved, as an amendment, That clause 48 be omitted from the clauses proposed to be recommitted.
   Debate ensued.
   Mr. Poynton moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
   And after debate—
   Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
   Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SEAT OF GOVERNMENT BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

   Message No. 14.

   MR. SPEAKER,

   The Senate has agreed to the amendments made by the House of Representatives in the Bill for "*An Act to determine the Seat of Government of the Commonwealth.*"

   R. C. BAKER,
   President.

   The Senate,
   Melbourne, 10th August, 1904.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—FRAUDULENT TRADE MARKS BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 13.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act relating to Fraudulent Trade Marks*," and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 10th August, 1904.

8. FRAUDULENT TRADE MARKS BILL.—Mr. Batchelor moved that the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Fraudulent Trade Marks*," be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House at fourteen minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Fowler and Mr. Kingston.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 11TH AUGUST, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PETITION.—Mr. O'Malley presented a Petition from 169 residents of King Island, praying that the House will earnestly consider their needs in respect to telegraphic and telephonic communication, and the distribution of the mails.
Petition received and read.

3. PAPERS.—Mr. Watson presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
Defence Act 1903—Military Forces—
Amendment of Regulations.—Part V. (dated 6th August, 1904.—Statutory Rules, 1904, No. 42).
Addition to the Financial and Allowance Regulations.—Part II., Section VA (dated 27th July, 1904.—Statutory Rules, 1904, No. 43).
Mr. Mahon presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
Post and Telegraph Act 1901—Regulations (to come into operation on 29th August, 1904.—Statutory Rules, 1904, No. 45).

4. STANDING ORDERS.—MOTION FOR SUSPENSION.—Mr. Webster moved, That the Standing Orders be suspended to discuss a matter of urgent necessity, viz. :—"The policy and administration of the Government," also the attitude of the Opposition in relation to the conduct of the business of Parliament.
Debate ensued.
It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 119.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF GENERAL BUSINESS.—Ordered, That the consideration of General Business be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 1, Government Business.

6. COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clauses 4, 37, 38, 39, 46, 48, 52, 67, 68, and 90 and Schedule B and the consideration of proposed new clauses 52A and 95A—*and on the amendment proposed thereto, viz.:*—That clause 48 be omitted from the clauses proposed to be recommitted—
Debate resumed.
Mr. McDonald moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
And after debate—
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business No. 1, be postponed until Thursday, the 25th instant; and that the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business No. 2, be postponed until Thursday, 8th September next.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at eight minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Fowler, Mr. Kingston, and Sir George Turner.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 12TH AUGUST, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clauses 4, 37, 38, 39, 46, 48, 52, 67, 68, and 90 and Schedule B and the consideration of proposed new clauses 52A and 95A—*and on the amendment proposed thereto, viz.* :—That clause 48 be omitted from the clauses proposed to be recommitted—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the figures 48, proposed to be omitted, stand part of the question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 34.		Noes, 36.	
Mr. Bamford,	Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Chapman,	Mr. McCay,
Sir Langdon Bonython,	Mr. O'Malley,	Mr. Conroy,	Mr. McColl,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Page,	Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Poynton,	Mr. Deakin,	Mr. McWilliams,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Ronald,	Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Hume Cook,	Mr. Spence,	Mr. R. Edwards,	Sir John Quick,
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Storrer,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Thomas,	Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. David Thomson,	Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Skene,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Watkins,	Sir Philip Fysh,	Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Watson,	Mr. Gibb,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Webster,	Mr. Glynn,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Wilkinson.	Mr. Harper,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Hutchison,	*Tellers.*	Mr. Johnson,	Mr. Wilson.
Mr. Isaacs,		Mr. Kelly,	
Sir William Lyne,	Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Kennedy,	*Tellers.*
Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Tudor.	Mr. Knox,	Mr. Robinson,
		Mr. Lee,	Mr. Sydney Smith.

And so it passed in the negative.

Ordered—That the debate on the motion, as amended, be made an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.

3. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watson moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. PAPER.—Mr. Mahon presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Debts of Public Servants.—Précis of E. Palmer's claim against P. L. Withers, Telephone Inspector, Brisbane.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at eight minutes to nine o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Fowler and Mr. Kingston.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH AUGUST, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented by Mr. Batchelor, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General.

Message No. 15.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to determine the Seat of Government of the Commonwealth,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
Melbourne, 15th August, 1904.

3. RESIGNATION OF MINISTRY.—Mr. Watson informed the House that, following on the vote which was given on Friday last, he had waited on His Excellency the Governor-General, and had offered certain advice which His Excellency did not see fit to accept. He had thereupon tendered the resignation of himself and colleagues, which His Excellency had accepted contingent upon Ministers retaining office until the appointment of their successors. He understood that a new Administration was in process of formation.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirty-three minutes past two o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Harper, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Knox, Mr. Lee, Mr. Liddell, Mr. Lonsdale, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McColl, Mr. McWilliams, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Webster, Mr. Wilks, and Mr. Willis.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 18TH AUGUST, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. FORMATION OF NEW MINISTRY.—Mr. Reid informed the House that he had been commissioned by His Excellency the Governor-General to form a new Administration, and that he had accordingly formed a new Ministry as follows :—

The Right Honorable George Houstoun Reid to be Minister of State for External Affairs and Prime Minister ;
The Honorable Allan McLean to be Minister of State for Trade and Customs ;
The Honorable Sir Josiah Henry Symon to be Attorney-General ;
The Right Honorable Sir George Turner to be Treasurer ;
The Honorable Dugald Thomson to be Minister of State for Home Affairs ;
The Honorable James Whiteside McCay to be Minister of State for Defence ;
The Honorable Sydney Smith to be Postmaster-General ;
and that
The Honorable James George Drake would be Vice-President of the Executive Council.

3. ELECTORAL ACT ADMINISTRATION.—TIME FOR REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Groom moved, by leave, That the time for bringing up the Report of the Select Committee on Electoral Act Administration be further extended to Friday, 30th September next.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered, That the consideration of all other Business be postponed until the next day of meeting.

5. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) 1904–5.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented by Sir George Turner, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 16.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and five.

17th August, 1904.

Ordered to lie on the Table and to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

6. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.
Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended in order to enable all steps to be taken to obtain Supply and to pass a Supply Bill through all its stages without delay.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Salmon also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, on the next day of meeting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—Mr. Salmon reported from the Committee of Supply a certain resolution, which was read, and is as follows :—

Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Three hundred and twenty-six thousand four hundred and twenty-two pounds be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year ending 30th June, 1905.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.

8. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.

Mr. Salmon also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, on the next day of meeting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

9. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.—Mr. Salmon reported from the Committee of Ways and Means a certain resolution, which was read, and is as follows :—

Resolved—That towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year ending 30th June, 1905, a sum not exceeding Three hundred and twenty-six thousand four hundred and twenty-two pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir George Turner do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

10. SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) 1904–5.—Sir George Turner then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and five*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Sir George Turner moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.

On the motion of Sir George Turner, the House adopted the Report.

Sir George Turner moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

11. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Reid moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday, 7th September next.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

12. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Reid moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirty-eight minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, 7th September next, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Knox, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. McColl, Mr. McWilliams, Sir John Quick, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Storrer, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Wilks, and Mr. Willis.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) 1904–5.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 15.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and five*," to which it has agreed without requests.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 24th August, 1904.

3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented by Sir George Turner, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 17.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and five*," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
Melbourne, 25th August, 1904.

4. PAPER.—Mr. Reid presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Opium—Report in regard to Opium-smoking in Queensland.
Ordered to lie on the Table.

5. PAPER.—Mr. Reid presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Metric System of Weights and Measures—Copy of Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies with regard to the question of the adoption of the system within the Empire.
Ordered to lie on the Table.

6. STATEMENT AS TO MINISTERIAL POLICY.—Mr. Reid, in order to allow him to make a Ministerial statement of the policy of the Government, moved, That the Despatch from the Secretary of State with reference to the Metric System be printed.
Mr. Watson moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
And, after debate—
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Reid moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 32.		Noes, 7.	
Mr. Brown,	Mr. McLean,	Mr. Bamford,	*Tellers.*
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Crouch,	
Mr. Conroy,	Sir John Quick,	Mr. Page,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Reid,	Mr. Storrer,	Mr. Spence.
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Robinson,	Mr. David Thomson.	
Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Mr. Salmon,		
Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Skene,		
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Sydney Smith,		
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,		
Mr. Gibb,	Sir George Turner,		
Mr. Harper,	Mr. Willis,		
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Wilson.		
Mr. Kelly,			
Mr. Knox,			
Mr. Lee,	*Tellers.*		
Mr. Liddell,			
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Johnson,		
Mr. McCay,	Mr. Wilks.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at ten minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Ewing, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Mr. McColl, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Wilkinson.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 8TH SEPTEMBER, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPER.—Mr. McCay presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

   Defence Act 1903.—Military Forces.—Addition to the Financial and Allowance Regulations (Provisional).—Part XII., Fuel and Light (dated 3rd September, 1904. Statutory Rules, 1904, No. 52).

3. CONTRACT POST-OFFICES IN MELBOURNE METROPOLITAN AREA.—Mr. Maloney moved. pursuant to notice, That a Return be laid upon the Table of the House showing—

   (1) All post-offices in the metropolitan area of Melbourne which are let by contract.
   (2) The amount paid annually in each case by the Department to the contractor.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. PAPER.—The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

   Contract Post-offices in Melbourne Metropolitan Area.—Return to the foregoing Order.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF GENERAL BUSINESS.—Ordered, That General Business be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 1, Government Business.

6. STATEMENT AS TO MINISTERIAL POLICY.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Despatch from the Secretary of State with reference to the Metric System be printed (on which motion the Ministerial Statement of the Government Policy was made)—

   Debate resumed.
   Mr. Robinson moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
   Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
   Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. McLean moved, That the House do now adjourn.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House at twenty-five minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Ewing, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Kingston, Mr. McWilliams, Sir John Quick, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Wilkinson.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 9TH SEPTEMBER, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPERS.—Mr. Reid presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—

   Electoral Act 1902.—Statutory Rules No. 49, made by the High Court (dated 22nd August, 1904).

   High Court Procedure Act 1903.—Statutory Rules No. 50, made by the High Court (dated 22nd August, 1904).

3. STATEMENT AS TO MINISTERIAL POLICY.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Despatch from the Secretary of State with reference to the Metric System be printed (on which motion the Ministerial Statement of the Government Policy was made)—

   Debate resumed.

4. COUNT OUT.—Mr. Thomas called the attention of Mr. Speaker to the fact that a quorum of Members was not present.

   The bells having been rung, and a quorum not having been obtained within the prescribed time, Mr. Speaker thereupon at four minutes past two o'clock p.m. adjourned the House until Tuesday next, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Ewing, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Harper, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Poynton, Sir John Quick, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Wilkinson.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPER.—Mr. Reid presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
British New Guinea—Report of the Royal Commission on the Affray at Goaribari Island, British New Guinea, on the 6th March, 1904, together with the Proceedings, Minutes of Evidence, and Appendices.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

3. COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the debate on the question, as amended—That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clauses 4, 37, 38, 39, 46, 52, 67, 68, and 90 and Schedule B, and the consideration of proposed new clauses 52A and 95A—
After debate—
Ordered—That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clauses 4, 28, 37, 38, 39, 46, 52, 62 par. (*b*), 67, 68, 90, and 92 and Schedule B, and the consideration of proposed new clauses 32A, 52A, and 95A.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had reconsidered the portions of the Bill referred to it, and had agreed to the same with further amendments.
Mr. Reid moved, by leave, That the Bill be again recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clause 4.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had reconsidered the clause referred to it, and had agreed to the same with further amendments.
On the motion of Mr. Reid, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Bill to be passed through its remaining stages this day.
Mr. Reid moved, That the Reports from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill be now adopted.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Reid moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

4. KALGOORLIE TO PORT AUGUSTA RAILWAY SURVEY BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 2—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Reid moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
And then the House at twenty-nine minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Cameron, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kingston, and Sir John Quick.

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No. 71.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPER.—Mr. Sydney Smith presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

   Money Order Transactions through the Post Offices between the several States, and also between the several States and other Countries, for the years 1901, 1902, and 1903.

   Ordered to lie on the Table.

3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. KINGSTON).—Mr. Watson moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one month be granted to the honorable Member for Adelaide (Mr. Kingston).

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. KALGOORLIE TO PORT AUGUSTA RAILWAY SURVEY BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 2—

   Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair: Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.

   Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.

   And thereupon the said resolution was read, and is as follows:—

   Resolved—That it is expedient that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to Authorize the Survey of Route for a Railway to connect Kalgoorlie, in the State of Western Australia, with Port Augusta, in the State of South Australia.

   And the said resolution was adopted by the House.

   Ordered—That Mr. Dugald Thomson do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

   Mr. Dugald Thomson then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to Authorize the Survey of Route for a Railway to connect Kalgoorlie, in the State of Western Australia, with Port Augusta, in the State of South Australia,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

   Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

5. PAPUA (BRITISH NEW GUINEA) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Reid moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

   Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

   Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Reid moved, That the House do now adjourn.

   Debate ensued.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House at twenty-eight minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kingston*, Sir William Lyne, and Mr. Phillips.

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No. 72.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 15TH SEPTEMBER, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Reid moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

3. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Reid moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirty-six minutes past three o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Fuller, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston*, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McColl, Mr. McWilliams, and Mr. Phillips.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPERS.—Mr. Dugald Thomson presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

   Public Service Act 1902.—Amendment of Regulations—

   No. 104.—Salaries of General Division Officers (Statutory Rules, 1904, No. 26).

   No. 144.—Clerical Division.—Payment of Minimum Annual Salary of £110 (Statutory Rules, 1904, No. 27).

   Nos. 168 and 169.—Part V.—District Allowances (Statutory Rules, 1904, No. 28).

3. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT—MOTION OF.—Mr. Watson moved, pursuant to notice, That the present Administration does not possess the confidence of this House.

   Debate ensued.

   Mr. Johnson addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

   Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Dugald Thomson moved, That the House do now adjourn.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at nineteen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Conroy, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. McColl, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Willis.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 21st SEPTEMBER, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. Want of Confidence in the Government—Motion of.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the present Administration does not possess the confidence of this House—

   Debate resumed.

   Mr. Lonsdale addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

   Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

3. Adjournment.—Mr. Reid moved, That the House do now adjourn.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at half-past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Conroy, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. McColl, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Skene, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Willis.

* On leave.

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No. 75.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 22ND SEPTEMBER, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That Questions and General Business be postponed until after the conclusion of the debate on the motion of Want of Confidence in the Government.

3. PRINTING COMMITTEE.—SIXTH REPORT FROM.—Mr. Fowler, on behalf of Sir John Quick, Chairman, brought up the Sixth Report from the Printing Committee.

The Report was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have dealt with all Petitions presented and Papers laid on the Table of the House since the last sitting of the Committee.

Your Committee find that the following Papers have been printed by order of the Senate since the last meeting of your Committee :—

Cadet Forces of Australia—Scheme of Organization.

Imports and Exports—Value of, under certain items of Customs Tariff, during 1900–03 (Return to an Order of the Senate).

Your Committee recommend that, in addition, the following be printed :—

Debts of Public Servants—Précis of E. Palmer's claim against P. L. Withers, Telephone Inspector, Brisbane.

JOHN QUICK,
Chairman.

House of Representatives,
Committee Room, 22nd September, 1904.

Mr. Fowler moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT—MOTION OF.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the present Administration does not possess the confidence of this House—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Spence addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. McLean moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirty-three minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Chanter, Mr. Conroy, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kingston*, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McColl, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Skene, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Willis.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT—MOTION OF.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the present Administration does not possess the confidence of this House—

   Debate resumed.

   Mr. Ronald addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

   Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

3. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. McLean moved, That the House do now adjourn.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Brown, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Deakin, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. Lonsdale, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McColl, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Poynton, Sir John Quick, Mr. Skene, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Dugald Thomson, and Mr. Willis.

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No. 77.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 4) 1904–5.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented by Sir George Turner, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 18.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and five.

Government House,
Sydney, 26th September, 1904.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

3. ORDER OF BUSINESS.—Ordered, That Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 and 2, have precedence over all other business this day.

4. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.
Sir George Turner moved, pursuant to notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended in order to enable all steps to be taken to obtain Supply and to pass a Supply Bill through all its stages without delay.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Salmon also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—Mr. Salmon reported from the Committee of Supply a certain resolution, which was read, and is as follows :—

Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Four hundred and thirty thousand four hundred and twenty-one pounds be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year ending 30th June, 1905.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.

6. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.
Mr. Salmon also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.—Mr. Salmon reported from the Committee of Ways and Means a certain resolution, which was read, and is as follows :—

Resolved—That towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year ending 30th June, 1905, a sum not exceeding Four hundred and thirty thousand four hundred and twenty-one pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.
Ordered—That Sir George Turner do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

8. SUPPLY BILL (No. 4) 1904–5.—Sir George Turner then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and five,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Sir George Turner moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.

On the motion of Sir George Turner, the House adopted the Report.

Sir George Turner moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

9. PAPER.—Mr. Dugald Thomson presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Public Service Act 1902.—Temporary Employés.—Return showing the names of all persons temporarily employed in the Public Service during the year 1903–4, their periods of employment, and the remuneration paid to them.

10. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT—MOTION OF.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the present Administration does not possess the confidence of this House—

Debate resumed.

Sir William Lyne addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Reid moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at nineteen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Cameron, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Willis.

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No. 78.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPERS.—Mr. McCay presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Defence Act 1903—

Naval Forces—

Amendment of Regulations.—Part III., section I., paragraph 69—Engine-room Artificers (dated 24th September, 1904. Statutory Rules 1904, No. 59).

Amendment of Financial and Allowance Regulations.—Part II., paragraph 52 and Part IX., paragraph 76 (dated 24th September, 1904. Statutory Rules 1904, No. 60).

Military Forces—

Amendment of Regulations.—Part XIV., paragraph 110—Annual Allowance of Small-arm Ammunition (dated 24th September, 1904. Statutory Rules 1904, No. 61).

Addition to Financial and Allowance Regulations.—Part II., section IX.—Forfeiture of Pay (dated 24th September, 1904. Statutory Rules 1904, No. 62).

3. ELECTORAL ACT ADMINISTRATION.—TIME FOR REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Groom moved, by leave, That the time for bringing up the Report of the Select Committee on Electoral Act Administration be further extended to Friday, 28th October next.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT—MOTION OF.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the present Administration does not possess the confidence of this House—

Debate resumed.

Sir John Quick addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 4) 1904-5.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 16.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and five,*" to which it has agreed without requests.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 28th September, 1904.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. McLean moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-nine minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Kingston*, and Mr. Bruce Smith.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT—MOTION OF.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the present Administration does not possess the confidence of this House—
Debate resumed.
Mr. McCay moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

3. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Reid moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at five minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Kingston*, and Mr. Bruce Smith.

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No. 80.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT—MOTION OF.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the present Administration does not possess the confidence of this House—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Skene moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented by Sir George Turner, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 19.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and five,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
Melbourne, 29th September, 1904.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. McLean moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at fourteen minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Bamford, Mr. Batchelor, Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Conroy, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. Lee, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McColl, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Spence, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Webster.

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No. 81.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 4TH OCTOBER, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPER.—Mr. McCay presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

   Defence Act.—Military Forces.—Addition to Financial and Allowance Regulations (Provisional).—Part II.—Pay of Permanent Forces.—IVA. Ordnance Departments (dated 1st October, 1904. Statutory Rules 1904, No. 63).

3. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT—MOTION OF.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the present Administration does not possess the confidence of this House—

   Debate resumed.

   Mr. Mauger moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

   Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

   Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. McLean moved, That the House do now adjourn.

   Debate ensued.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at nineteen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Conroy, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. Knox, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McColl, Sir John Quick, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Willis.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH OCTOBER, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT—MOTION OF.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the present Administration does not possess the confidence of this House—

   Debate resumed.

   Mr. R. Edwards addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

   Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

3. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Reid moved, That the House do now adjourn.
   Debate ensued.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at seventeen minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Kingston*, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McColl, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Thomas.

* On leave.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 6TH OCTOBER, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of the first Order of the Day be postponed until to-morrow.

3. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT—MOTION OF.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the present Administration does not possess the confidence of this House—
Debate resumed.

Mr. Chanter addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. McLean moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. Lonsdale, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Thomas.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 7TH OCTOBER, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT—MOTION OF.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the present Administration does not possess the confidence of this House—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Willis addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

3. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. McLean moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at eighteen minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Brown, Mr. Conroy, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. Lonsdale, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McColl, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Thomas.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 11TH OCTOBER, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT—MOTION OF.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the present Administration does not possess the confidence of this House—
   Debate resumed.
   Mr. Bamford moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
   Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
   Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

3. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. McLean moved, That the House do now adjourn.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-six minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. Ewing, Mr. McColl, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Watkins.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH OCTOBER, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT—MOTION OF.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the present Administration does not possess the confidence of this House—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Bamford moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

3. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Reid moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-one minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 13TH OCTOBER, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT—MOTION OF.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the present Administration does not possess the confidence of this House—

Debate resumed.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 35.		Noes, 37.	
Mr. Bamford,	Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Cameron,	Mr. McCay,
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Chapman,	Mr. McColl,
Sir Langdon Bonython,	Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. McLean,
	Mr. O'Malley,	Mr. Deakin,	Mr. McWilliams,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Page,	Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Poynton,	Mr. R. Edwards,	Sir John Quick,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Ronald,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Hume Cook,	Mr. Spence,	Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Storrer,	Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Skene,
Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Thomas,	Sir Philip Fysh,	Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. David Thomson,	Mr. Gibb,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Fowler,	Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Glynn,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Watson,	Mr. Harper,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Webster,	Mr. Johnson,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Wilkinson.	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Wilson.
Mr. Hughes,		Mr. Kennedy,	
Mr. Hutchison,	*Tellers.*	Mr. Knox,	*Tellers.*
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Lee,	
Sir William Lyne,	Mr. Tudor.	Mr. Liddell,	Mr. Robinson,
		Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Wilks.

And so it passed in the negative.

3. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Reid moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after midnight—

FRIDAY, 14TH OCTOBER, 1904.

Debate continued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at a quarter-past one o'clock a.m., adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present.

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FRIDAY, 14TH OCTOBER, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. KALGOORLIE TO PORT AUGUSTA RAILWAY SURVEY BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Dugald Thomson moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 34.		Noes, 12.	
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. McCay,	Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. McDonald,	Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Mr. Storrer,
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. McLean,	Mr. Gibb,	Mr. David Thomson.
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. O'Malley,	Mr. Maloney,	
Mr. Conroy,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. McWilliams,	*Tellers.*
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Poynton,	Mr. Page,	Mr. Glynn,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Reid,	Mr. Ronald,	Mr. Tudor.
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Skene,		
Mr Frazer,	Mr. Bruce Smith,		
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Sydney Smith,		
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Spence,		
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,		
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Watkins,		
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Watson.		
Mr. Kingston,			
Mr. Lee,	*Tellers.*		
Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Fowler,		
Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Wilks.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

3. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Reid moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at one minute past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Harper, Mr. Kennedy, and Mr. McColl.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 18TH OCTOBER, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ESTIMATES, 1904–5.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented by Sir George Turner, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 20.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of The Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the Year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and five, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Melbourne, 18th October, 1904.

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 21.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of The Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the Year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and five, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Melbourne, 18th October, 1904.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply this day.

3. PETITION.—Mr. Dugald Thomson (for Mr. Sydney Smith) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Carcoar district and its vicinity, New South Wales, praying that the Manufactures Encouragement Bill may again be considered, and passed into law at an early date.

Petition received.

4. PAPERS.—Mr. Reid presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Papua (British New Guinea).—Spirituous Liquors.—Correspondence respecting the suggested prohibition against their introduction, manufacture, and sale.

Sir George Turner presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

The Budget, 1904–5.—Papers prepared by the Right Honorable Sir George Turner, for the information of honorable Members on the occasion of opening the Budget of 1904–5.

Mr. McCay presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Defence Department.—Memorandum by the Minister of State for Defence on the Estimates of the Defence Department for the Financial Year 1904–5.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Dugald Thomson presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Property for Public Purposes Acquisition Act 1901—Land acquired under—

At Narrabri West, New South Wales, for a Site for a Post Office—From the Government of New South Wales, and all persons interested.

At Boggabilla, New South Wales, for a Site for a Post Office—From the Government of New South Wales, and all persons interested.

At Darlington, New South Wales, for a Site for a Post Office—From the Government of New South Wales, and all persons interested.

At Colah (Hornsby), New South Wales, for Defence purposes—From certain persons.

5. HIGH COURT.—DETAILS AS TO CASES DEALT WITH.—Mr. Johnson (for Mr. Ewing) moved, pursuant to notice, That a Return be laid upon the Table of the House showing the amount of work performed by the High Court during the first year of its existence, viz. :—

(*a*) A list of the cases heard, with a very brief indication of the nature of each case.
(*b*) A list of the cases awaiting hearing, with similar details.
(*c*) What has been about the average period taken in dealing with an appeal by the High Court.
(*d*) What was approximately the period which an appeal to the Privy Council involved before the decision was registered in the local courts.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. HIGH COURT.—NUMBER OF SITTINGS, APPEALS, AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE, ETC.—Mr. Thomas moved, pursuant to notice, That a Return be laid on the Table of the House showing—

(1) The number of full days on which the High Court has sat and dealt with cases during the first year of its existence, distinguishing the days—
(*a*) When one Judge sat alone.
(*b*) When the three Judges sat together.
(2) The number of appeals sent to the Privy Council, and the number of appeals sent to the High Court, during the same period; and how many of the latter appeals could have been taken to the Privy Council.
(3) The time spent by the Judges in travelling.
(4) The number of cases finally disposed of by the Court in each State.
(5) The allowance and travelling expenses (apart from salaries) of the Judges and Associates during the year.
(6) The allowance and travelling expenses (apart from salaries) of the marshals, tipstaffs, and other functionaries of the Court during the year.
(7) The amount of other expenditure in connexion with the Court during the year.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. MANUFACTURES ENCOURAGEMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Groom moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
And after debate—
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered, That Order of the Day No. 3, Government Business, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 4, Government Business.

10. PAPUA (BRITISH NEW GUINEA) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Reid moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty minutes to ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Bamford, Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Culpin, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Lee, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McColl, Mr. Page, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Storrer, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Willis.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH OCTOBER, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Mahon rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The preference given by the Government to local products in contracts for supplies, and the evasive and unsatisfactory answer given by the Prime Minister and by the Postmaster-General at the sitting on last Friday, in respect to same."
   Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
   Mr. Mahon moved, That the House do now adjourn.
   Debate ensued.
   It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted, in accordance with Standing Order No. 119, and the Orders of the Day were called on.

3. MANUFACTURES ENCOURAGEMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
   Debate resumed.
   Mr. Spence moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
   And after debate—
   Question—that the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
   Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. McCay moved, That the House do now adjourn.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirteen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Bamford, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Culpin, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Harper, Mr. Lee, Mr. McColl, Mr. Page, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Storrer, Mr. Wilkinson, and Mr. Willis.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 20TH OCTOBER, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. TOBACCO TRADE—ROYAL COMMISSION.—Mr. Batchelor moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission should be at once appointed to inquire into and report upon—

   (1) The present position of the Tobacco Trade in relation to the production, manufacture, and distribution of tobacco.
   (2) The extent to which it is controlled by a monopolistic combination.
   (3) The best method of regulating that trade, whether by nationalization or by anti-trust legislation, or otherwise.

   Debate ensued.
   Mr. McLean, addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
   Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday next.

3. TELEPHONE FACILITIES.—Mr. Johnson moved, pursuant to notice, That it is desirable to re-model the Telephone regulations with a view to providing improved facilities for communication between city, suburban, and rural districts.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. OLD-AGE PENSIONS—SELECT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Chapman moved, pursuant to notice,—

   (1) That a Select Committee be appointed to investigate and report upon—
      (*a*) The working of the Old-age Pensions Acts of New South Wales and Victoria;
      (*b*) The probable cost of, and the best means to be adopted for, establishing old-age pensions for the Commonwealth.
   (2) That such Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records; to move from place to place; and to sit at any time.
   (3) That the Committee consist of Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Frazer, Mr. Lee, Mr. O'Malley, Mr. Page, Sir John Quick, Mr. Skene, Mr. Sydney Smith, and the Mover; and that four be the quorum of such Committee.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

   It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, in accordance with Standing Order No. 119, the Orders of the Day were called on.

5. AGRICULTURE—PROPOSED FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That, in the opinion of this House, in order to promote the primary industries of Australia, a Federal Department of Agriculture ought to be established at an early date—

   Debate resumed.
   Mr. Hume Cook moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
   Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
   Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 3rd November next.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That Orders of the Day, Nos. 2, 3, and 4, General Business, be postponed until Thursday, 3rd November next.

7. New Hebrides—Control of and Australian Settlement in.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That, in view of their strategical importance to the safety of British and Australian commerce in the Pacific, consequent on the projected opening of a canal through the Isthmus of Panama, the Commonwealth Government should afford every facility for Australian settlement in the New Hebrides Islands, and should represent to the British Government the importance of endeavouring to arrive at a more satisfactory agreement with the French Government respecting their control than that at present existing—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Joseph Cook, addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday next.

8. Manufactures Encouragement Bill.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Hume Cook, addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

9. Adjournment.—Mr. McCay moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at half-past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present except—Mr. Bamford, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Culpin, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Harper, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lee, Mr. McColl, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Page, Mr. Phillips, Sir John Quick, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Storrer, Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. Willis, and Mr. Wilson.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 21st OCTOBER, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. Manufactures Encouragement Bill.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Mahon, addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

3. Adjournment.—Mr. Reid moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at four minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present except—Mr. Bamford, Mr. Batchelor, Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Culpin, Mr. Deakin, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lee, Mr. McColl, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Page, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Poynton, Sir John Quick, Mr. Skene, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Storrer, Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. Willis, and Mr. Wilson.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 25TH OCTOBER, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPER.—The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

New Hebrides—Statistics as to.—Return to an Order of the House dated 10th August, 1904.

3. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.

Sir George Turner moved, pursuant to notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended in order to enable all steps to be taken to obtain Supply and to pass a Supply Bill through all its stages without delay.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Salmon also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, immediately the Supply Bill has been passed, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—Mr. Salmon reported from the Committee of Supply a certain resolution, which was read, and is as follows :—

Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Six hundred and seventy-five thousand and forty-eight pounds be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year ending 30th June, 1905.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.

5. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.

Mr. Salmon also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.—Mr. Salmon reported from the Committee of Ways and Means a certain resolution, which was read, and is as follows :—

Resolved—That towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year ending 30th June, 1905, a sum not exceeding Six hundred and seventy-five thousand and forty-eight pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir George Turner do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

7. SUPPLY BILL (No. 5) 1904-5.—Sir George Turner then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and five,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Sir George Turner moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.
On the motion of Sir George Turner, the House adopted the Report.
Sir George Turner moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

8. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Reid moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House at twenty-seven minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Batchelor, Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Storrer, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Willis.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH OCTOBER, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, as His Excellency the Governor-Designate of Tasmania was present, he would, with the concurrence of the House, invite His Excellency to take a seat on the floor of the chamber.

3. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Isaacs rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The unwarrantable statements in the *Argus* newspaper regarding the honorable Member for Indi (Mr. Isaacs)."
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
Mr. Isaacs moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.

4. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 5) 1904-5.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 17.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and five,*" to which it has agreed without requests.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 26th October, 1904.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Reid moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at fourteen minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Conroy, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Mr. McColl, and Mr. Watkins.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 27TH OCTOBER, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPER.—Mr. Reid presented by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Transcontinental Railway.—Telegrams from the Premier of Western Australia to the Prime Minister notifying resolutions passed by both Houses of the Western Australian Parliament with regard to reservation of Crown lands along the proposed route of the railway between Kalgoorlie and the eastern boundary of the State.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—

(1) That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 2, General Business, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 3.

(2) That Order of the Day No. 3, General Business, be an Order of the Day for Thursday, 10th November next.

4. TOBACCO TRADE—ROYAL COMMISSION.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission should be at once appointed to inquire into and report upon—

(1) The present position of the Tobacco Trade in relation to the production, manufacture, and distribution of tobacco.

(2) The extent to which it is controlled by a monopolistic combination.

(3) The best method of regulating that trade, whether by nationalization or by anti-trust legislation or otherwise—

Debate resumed.

Mr. McLean addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 10th November next.

5. NEW HEBRIDES—CONTROL OF, AND AUSTRALIAN SETTLEMENT IN.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That, in view of their strategical importance to the safety of British and Australian commerce in the Pacific, consequent on the projected opening of a canal through the Isthmus of Panama, the Commonwealth Government should afford every facility for Australian settlement in the New Hebrides Islands, and should represent to the British Government the importance of endeavouring to arrive at a more satisfactory agreement with the French Government respecting their control than that at present existing—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Hutchison moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday next.

6. CUSTOMS TARIFF RE-ADJUSTMENT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That, in the opinion of this House, the existing Customs Tariff is unscientific in its operation and mischievous in its effects; and that, with a special view to the promotion of the agricultural and manufacturing industries and the more settled employment of all classes of workers, a re-adjustment of its incidence on some of its leading lines is highly desirable—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Hutchison moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 10th November next.

7. TELEPHONE AT WARMATTA, NEW SOUTH WALES.—Mr. Hume Cook (for Mr. Chanter) moved, pursuant to notice, That copies of all letters, papers, and other documents relating to the claim made by the Postal Department upon certain persons in reference to the construction of a telephone at Warmatta, New South Wales, be laid upon the Table of the House.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

8. NATURALIZED CHINESE AND JAPANESE.—Mr. Bamford moved, pursuant to notice, That a Return be laid upon the Table of the House showing, as nearly as can be ascertained, the number of Chinese and Japanese respectively resident in the Commonwealth, who have become naturalized British subjects.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

9. "STRIPPER HARVESTERS."—Mr. Hume Cook (for Mr. Maloney) moved, pursuant to notice, That a Return be laid upon the Table of the House showing—
The number of "Stripper Harvesters" imported into the Commonwealth since the passing of the Tariff.
The country whence the "Stripper Harvesters" have been imported.
The names of the ports in the Commonwealth where the said "Stripper Harvesters" have been landed, giving the quantities at each.
The definition of classification in the Tariff of "Harvester" as distinguished from "Stripper Harvester" or "Stripper."
The invoice value of each "Stripper Harvester" upon which duty was assessed.
The rate of duty specified in the Tariff to be collected on "Stripper Harvesters."
The amount of duty actually collected on the importations of "Stripper Harvesters."
Debate ensued.
Mr. Brown moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the motion, viz. :—
"The number of 'Stripper Harvesters' exported from the Commonwealth since the passing of the Tariff.
"The country or countries to which such 'Stripper Harvesters' have been exported.
"The names of the ports of the Commonwealth from which exportations of 'Stripper Harvesters' have been made, giving the quantities at each.
"The value of the 'Stripper Harvesters' so exported."
Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put and resolved in the affirmative.
And then the original question, as so amended, was put and resolved in the affirmative.

10. CHILDREN'S LIFE ASSURANCE BILL.—Mr. Hume Cook (for Mr. Groom) moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Assurance on the Lives of Children by Life Assurance Companies or Societies.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

11. SUPPLY.—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—
Question proposed—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

12. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Reid moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at eight minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Conroy, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Liddell, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McColl, and Mr. Watkins.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 28TH OCTOBER, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. ATTACK BY RUSSIAN FLEET UPON BRITISH FISHERMEN.—Mr. Reid moved, by leave,—

   (1) That this House feels bound in the present grave crisis to express its profound indignation at the cruel and wanton attack recently made by a Russian Fleet upon British fishermen whilst they were engaged in their peaceful calling.

   (2) That this House fully sympathizes with the British Government and people in their demand that those who directed this outrage be punished.

   (3) That at the same time, this House most earnestly hopes that the peace existing between the British Empire and the Empire of Russia will be preserved by a frank and honourable observance on the part of Russia of her obligations.

   And, Mr. Watson having seconded the motion—
   Question—put and unanimously resolved in the affirmative.

3. OLD-AGE PENSIONS—SELECT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Chapman moved, by leave, That the Select Committee on Old-age Pensions have leave to report the minutes of evidence from time to time.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. ELECTORAL ACT ADMINISTRATION—SELECT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Groom, Chairman, brought up the Report from the Select Committee on Electoral Act Administration, together with the Proceedings of the Committee, Minutes of Evidence, and Appendices.
   Ordered—To lie on the Table, and to be printed.

5. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. McLean moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next at half-past ten o'clock a.m.
   Debate ensued.
   And the question having been amended by the omission of "half-past ten o'clock a.m.," and the insertion of "the usual time"—
   Question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next at the usual time—put.
   The House divided—

Ayes, 32.		Noes, 10.	
Mr. Bamford,	Mr. McLean,	Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Tudor,
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. O'Malley,	Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Wilkinson.
Sir Langdon Bonython,	Sir John Quick,	Mr. Lonsdale,	
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Reid,	Mr. Mauger,	*Tellers.*
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Salmon,	Mr. McWilliams,	Mr. Mahon,
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Skene,	Mr. Spence,	Mr. McDonald.
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Sydney Smith,		
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Storrer,		
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. David Thomson,		
Sir Philip Fysh,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,		
Mr. Groom,	Sir George Turner,		
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Watson,		
Mr. Johnson,	Mr. Willis.		
Mr. Kelly,			
Mr. Lee,	*Tellers.*		
Mr. Liddell,	Mr. Robinson,		
Mr. McCay,	Mr. Wilks.		

   And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

6. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Deputy Speaker took the Chair; Mr. Dugald Thomson reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, on Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. PAPER.—Mr. McCay presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
Defence Act 1903.—Military Forces—Addition to Regulations, Part XIV.—Ordnance Department—par. 110A, dated 19th October, 1904. (Statutory Rules 1904, No. 65.)

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. McLean moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at a quarter-past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Conroy, Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McColl, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Wilson.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented by Sir George Turner, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 22.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and five,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
Melbourne, 28th October, 1904.

3. LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES BILL.—Mr. Groom, pursuant to an Order of the House made on 27th October last, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Assurance on the Lives of Children by Life Assurance Companies or Societies,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 17th instant.

4. ATTACK BY RUSSIAN FLEET UPON BRITISH FISHERMEN.—Mr. Reid presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, a copy of the following telegram from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated London, 29th October, 1904 :—

> "His Majesty's Government cordially appreciate assurances of sympathy expressed in Resolutions of Commonwealth Parliament communicated in your telegram of 28th October."

Ordered to lie on the Table.

5. PAPERS.—Mr. Reid presented by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

> Australian Produce—Report by the Agent-General for Victoria to the Premier of Victoria as to the establishment in London of a Federal Depôt for the display of Australian Produce.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. McCay presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

> Defence Act 1903.—Military Forces.—Amendment of Financial and Allowance Regulations.—Part III.—Militia and Volunteer Corps.—I.—Pay, par. 83, dated 28th October, 1904. (Statutory Rules 1904, No. 68.)

6. SUPPLY.—COUNT OUT.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that on a report by the Tellers of a Division in the Committee, it appeared that a quorum of Members was not present. The Speaker thereupon, at twenty-seven minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned the House until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Batchelor, Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Spence, and Mr. Willis.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 3RD NOVEMBER, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MOTION TO SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS NOS. 108 AND 235.—Sir George Turner desiring to move, by leave, for the resumption of the Committee of Supply which lapsed at the last sitting, and leave not being granted, he moved without notice, That Standing Orders Nos. 108 and 235 be suspended in order to allow a motion to be made for the resumption of the Committee of Supply.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

3. PAPERS.—Sir George Turner presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Council of Finance for the Commonwealth—Proposal to establish.—Memorandum by Mr. William Knox, M.P.

Mr. McCay presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Defence Forces—Memorandum by the Minister for Defence on the Administration and Control of.

Defence Forces—Memorandum by the General Officer Commanding on the result of the deliberations of a Committee held upon the Command and Administration of the Military and Naval Forces of the Commonwealth.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

4. LIBRARY COMMITTEE (JOINT)—REPORT FROM.—Mr. Speaker, Chairman, presented a Report from the Joint Library Committee.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

5. COUNCIL OF FINANCE FOR THE COMMONWEALTH.—Mr. Knox moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House it is desirable—

(1) To establish by Act of Parliament a Council of Finance of the Commonwealth of Australia composed of representatives to be appointed by the Commonwealth and by the States.

(2) That such Council of Finance shall be constituted for the purposes following :—

(*a*) To manage the Public Debts of the States and the Commonwealth.

(*b*) To effect the consolidation, conversion, or renewal of the existing public debts of the States of the Commonwealth.

(*c*) To undertake the flotation of new loans authorized by the Parliaments of the Commonwealth or the States of the Commonwealth.

(*d*) To undertake other work being incidental or cognate to the foregoing purposes.

(3) That the Treasurer invite the approval and co-operation of the States with the view of obtaining through the Parliaments of the Commonwealth and the States the necessary constitutional and statutory authorities to give effect to the foregoing.

Mr. Knox not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday next.

It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, in accordance with Standing Order No. 119, the Orders of the Day were called on.

6. AGRICULTURE—PROPOSED FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF.—The Order of the Day having been read fo the resumption of the debate on the question—That, in the opinion of this House, in order to promote the primary industries of Australia, a Federal Department of Agriculture ought to be established at an early date—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That Order of the Day No. 2, General Business, be an Order of the Day for Thursday, the 17th instant.

8. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Order of the Day No. 3, General Business, was read and discharged.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—

(1) That Order of the Day No. 4, General Business, be an Order of the Day for Thursday, the 17th instant, and that Order of the Day No. 5, General Business, be an Order of the Day for Thursday next.

(2) That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 2, Government Business, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 3.

10. PAPUA (BRITISH NEW GUINEA) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Reid moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at fourteen minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Batchelor, Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Culpin, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Groom, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Mr. McColl, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Spence, and Mr. Willis.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. SUPPLY COMMITTEE REVIVED.—Sir George Turner moved, pursuant to notice, That the proceedings in Committee of Supply which lapsed on Wednesday last be resumed, and that the House do now resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.

Debate ensued.

Two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, in accordance with Standing Order No. 119, the debate was interrupted.

Sir George Turner moved, That the consideration of the Orders of the Day be postponed until after the completion of the debate just interrupted.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day be postponed until after the completion of the debate just interrupted—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 41.		Noes, 6.	
Mr. Bamford,	Mr. McCay,	Mr. Mahon,	*Tellers.*
Mr. Brown,	Mr. McLean,	Mr. Page,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. O'Malley,	Mr. David Thomson,	Mr. Thomas.
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Poynton,	Mr. Webster.	
Mr. Chapman,	Sir John Quick,		
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Reid,		
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Ronald,		
Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Salmon,		
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Skene,		
Mr. Fowler,	Mr. Sydney Smith,		
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Storrer,		
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,		
Sir Philip Fysh,	Sir George Turner,		
Mr. Gibb,	Mr. Watkins,		
Mr. Harper,	Mr. Watson,		
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Wilkinson,		
Mr. Johnson,	Mr. Wilson.		
Mr. Kelly,			
Mr. Knox,	*Tellers.*		
Mr. Lee,			
Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Tudor,		
Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Wilks.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate resumed on original motion.

Question—That the proceedings in Committee of Supply which lapsed on Wednesday last be resumed, and that the House do now resolve itself into the Committee of Supply—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 40.		Noes, 3.	
Mr. Bamford,	Mr. McCay,	Mr. David Thomson.	*Tellers.*
Mr. Brown,	Mr. McLean,		Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Page,		Mr. Thomas.
Mr. Chanter,	Sir John Quick,		
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Reid,		
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Ronald,		
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Salmon,		
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Skene,		
Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Sydney Smith,		
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Storrer,		
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,		
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Tudor,		
Mr. Fuller,	Sir George Turner,		
Sir Philip Fysh,	Mr. Watkins,		
Mr. Gibb,	Mr. Watson,		
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Webster,		
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Wilkinson.		
Mr. Knox,			
Mr. Lee,	*Tellers.*		
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Poynton,		
Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Wilks.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

3. Paper.—Mr. McCay presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Defence Forces—Report of a Committee on the Command and Administration and Minute on the Report by the then Minister for Defence (Senator Dawson).

Ordered to lie on the Table.

4. Adjournment.—Mr. Reid moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House at fourteen minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present except—Mr. Batchelor, Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Culpin, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Groom, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Mr. McColl, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Spence, and Mr. Willis.

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No. 100.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPERS.—Mr. Reid presented by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Sugar Bounty—Letter (dated 18th October, 1904) from the Premier of Queensland to the Prime Minister, together with a Memorandum from Dr. Maxwell, Director of the Queensland Sugar Experiment Stations, &c.

Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

"Stripper Harvesters."—Return to an Order of the House, dated 27th October, 1904.

3. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Reid moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House at twenty-one minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Culpin, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Harper, Mr. Kingston, Mr. McWilliams Sir John Quick, Mr. Spence, and Sir George Turner.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight—

THURSDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER, 1904.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that a quorum of Members was not present in the Committee; whereupon Mr. Speaker counted the House, and a quorum of Members having been obtained, the House again resolved itself into the Committee.

Mr. Speaker again resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that a quorum of Members was not present in the Committee; whereupon Mr. Speaker counted the House, and a quorum of Members having been obtained, the House again resolved itself into the Committee.

Mr. Speaker again resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

3. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Reid moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-two minutes past twelve o'clock noon, adjourned until this day at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Culpin, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Spence, and Sir George Turner.

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No. 102.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. GOVERNMENT MANUFACTURE AND SALE OF TOBACCO, ETC.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Senate's Message, No. 3. —Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
   Resolved—That the House will, on Thursday, the 24th instant, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 2, 3, and 4, General Business, be Orders of the Day for Thursday, the 24th instant, and that Order of the Day No. 5 General Business, be an Order of the Day for Thursday next.

4. INCOME TAX—DECISION OF HIGH COURT.—Mr. Hutchison, moved, pursuant to notice, That, in order that all citizens of the Commonwealth may be placed upon an equal footing with respect to Income Tax, the Government should introduce a short Bill for the purpose of imposing a Federal Income Tax, to apply to all persons in the Commonwealth, who, by the decision of the High Court, escape payment of State Income Tax.
   Debate ensued.
   Mr. Maloney moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
   Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
   Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 1st December next.

5. PAPER.—Mr. McLean presented by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
   Butter Industry—Royal Commission.—Progress Report on Open Markets, Grading, Temperatures, Ocean Freights, Butter for Export, Home Separator, Treatment of Cream, Brands, Cool Stores, and Trucks; with Summary of Recommendations and Appendix.
   Ordered to lie on the Table.

6. DEFENCE BILL 1904.—Mr. McCay moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Defence Act* 1903.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
   Ordered—That Mr. McCay do prepare and bring in the Bill.
   Mr. McCay then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Defence Act* 1903,'" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
   Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. McLean moved, That the House do now adjourn.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House at twenty minutes past five o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Culpin, Mr. Deakin, Mr. Fowler, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Kingston, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Mahon, Sir John Quick, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Spence, and Sir George Turner.

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No. 103.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Crouch rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The Royal Review next Monday, and the expenditure of public money on a denominational service in connexion with the consecration of banners."
   Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
   Mr. Crouch moved, That the House do now adjourn.
   Mr. Crouch proceeding—
   Mr. Speaker ruled that he could not allow the motion to be further proceeded with, as the debate would be anticipating discussion which would presently come before the Committee of Supply.

3. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Groom reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
   Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Reid moved, That the House do now adjourn.
   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House at four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Batchelor, Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. Culpin, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McColl, Sir John Quick, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Spence, Mr. Thomas, Sir George Turner, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Wilson.

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No. 104.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

3. PAPER.—Mr. McLean presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
Patents Act 1903—Regulations (Statutory Rules 1904, No. 70).

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Reid moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirty-one minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Batchelor, Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Phillips, Sir John Quick, Mr. Bruce Smith, Sir George Turner, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Willis.

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No. 105.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. SUGAR MILLS AIDED BY QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT.—Mr. McWilliams moved, pursuant to notice, That a Return be laid upon the Table of the House showing—

   (1) The number of sugar mills erected in Queensland for the cost of construction of which the Government of that State is directly or indirectly responsible.

   (2) The conditions imposed by the Government on those on whose behalf the said mills were erected.

   (3) The number of such mills which have not fulfilled their monetary obligations to the State.

   (4) The amount of arrears in interest and other liabilities (if any) owing in connexion with the mills, and total responsibilities therein of the State of Queensland.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

3. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

   Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Reid moved, That the House do now adjourn.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at a quarter to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Brown, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Harper, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Bruce Smith, Sir George Turner, and Mr. Willis.

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No. 106.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PRINTING COMMITTEE.—SEVENTH REPORT FROM.—Sir John Quick, Chairman, brought up the Seventh Report from the Printing Committee.

The Report was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have dealt with the Petition presented and all Papers laid on the Table of the House since the last sitting of the Committee.

Your Committee find that the following Papers have been printed by order of the Senate since the last meeting of your Committee :—

Metric System of Weights and Measures—Despatch from Secretary of State.
Military Forces of the Commonwealth—Statutory Rules No. 63 of 1904.
Transcontinental Railway—Report by Mr. H. C. Castilla on Boring Operations for Water along the Route.
Pacific Island Mail Services—Summary of Negotiations for further extension.

Your Committee recommend that, in addition, the following be printed :—

Papua (British New Guinea)—Spirituous Liquors—Correspondence *re* suggested prohibition, &c.
The Budget, 1904–5—Papers prepared by the Right Honorable the Treasurer.
Defence Department—Memorandum by the Minister on Estimates for 1904–5.
New Hebrides—Statistics as to—Return to an Order.
Australian Produce—Report by the Agent-General of Victoria *re* a Federal Depôt in London.
Library Committee (Joint)—Report from.
Defence Forces—Memorandum by the Minister of Defence on the Administration and control of.
Butter Industry—Royal Commission—Progress Report.

JOHN QUICK,
Chairman.

House of Representatives,
Committee Room, 17th November, 1904.

Sir John Quick moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

3. Old-age Pensions—National Scheme.—Mr. O'Malley moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable, in the interests of the aged poor, that the Government should, without unnecessary delay, formulate a national scheme for the payment of old-age pensions, and that this motion, when carried, be an instruction to the Attorney-General to draft the necessary measure.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Wilks, addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday next.

It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, in accordance with Standing Order No. 119, the Orders of the Day were called on.

4. Life Assurance Companies Bill.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday, 29th instant, again resolve itself into the said Committee..

5. Postponement of Orders of the Day.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 2, 3, and 4, General Business, be Orders of the Day for Thursday next.

6. Supply.—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—

Question proposed—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. Adjournment.—Mr. Reid moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at two minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present except—Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Harper, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Bruce Smith, Sir George Turner, and Mr. Willis.

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No. 107.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 18TH NOVEMBER, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

3. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Reid moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at seven minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Mr. McColl, Mr. Poynton, Sir John Quick, Mr. Bruce Smith, Sir George Turner, and Mr. Willis.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. McDonald rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The action of the Defence Department in refusing railway passes to Rifle Clubs, and other matters relating thereto."
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
Mr. McDonald moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.

3. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Reid moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House at eighteen minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chapman, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Groom, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Knox, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Mauger, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Storrer, Sir George Turner, and Mr. Watkins.

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No. 109.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPERS.—Mr. Reid presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Queen Victoria Memorial.—Papers relating to the proposed erection of a Memorial of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria.

Patents Act 1903.—Letters Patent under.—Statement showing when Patentees may expect to get Letters Patent, and the progress which has been made in that respect.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. McCay presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Defence Act 1903.—Military Forces.—Amendment of Financial and Allowance Regulations.—Part VI.—Section I.—Travelling Allowances, dated 9th November, 1904.—(Statutory Rules, 1904, No. 71.)

3. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Spence rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The action of the Government in its declared intention of continuing to suspend the operation of the Electoral Act in respect of holding Revision Courts, and thereby completing and perfecting the enrolment of Commonwealth electors."

Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—

Mr. Spence moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Dugald Thomson, addressing the House, and not having, in compliance with Standing Order No. 39, concluded his speech within fifteen minutes, the honorable Member was, by leave of the House, allowed to continue his speech.

It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 119, and the Orders of the Day were called on.

4. SUPPLY RESOLUTIONS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had agreed to certain resolutions.

Ordered—That the consideration of the Resolutions be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

5. PAPUA (BRITISH NEW GUINEA) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 18.

The Senate has agreed to the Bill returned herewith intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Conciliation and Arbitration for the Prevention and Settlement of Industrial Disputes extending beyond the Limits of any one State,*" with the amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, with which amendments the Senate desires the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 23rd November, 1904.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Dugald Thomson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at two minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chapman, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Groom, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Knox, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Mauger, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Sir George Turner.

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No. 110.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. POSTAL, TELEGRAPHIC, AND TELEPHONIC BUSINESS AT CERTAIN QUEENSLAND POST OFFICES.—Mr. Wilkinson moved, pursuant to notice, That a Return be laid on the Table showing—

   (1) The monthly average number of letters delivered from the Post Offices at Boonah, Caboolture, Esk, Laidley, Rosewood, and Nambour, in the State of Queensland.

   (2) The monthly average number of newspapers, magazines, and parcels delivered from the same offices.

   (3) The average number of mails made up and despatched from these to other places.

   (4) The value of telegraphic and telephonic business (monthly average) transacted at each of the offices named.

   Return to cover the year ended 30th June, 1904.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

3. GOVERNMENT MANUFACTURE AND SALE OF TOBACCO, ETC.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Senate's Message No. 3—
   Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
   Resolved—That the House will, on Thursday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. ORDER OF GENERAL BUSINESS.—Mr. Speaker, addressing the House, said—"The Sessional Order relating to Private Members' business appears to contemplate an equal division of time on Thursday afternoons between Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. While, however, the Standing Orders provide that Orders of the Day shall be called on two hours after the meeting of the House, and so equally divide the time when Notices of Motion are taken first, there is no corresponding Standing Order providing that when Orders of the Day are taken first Notices of Motion shall be called on at the expiry of two hours. As this is the first occasion on which the point has arisen, I call the attention of honorable Members to it, and, unless it is otherwise desired, I propose to apply the same limitation in regard to the time during which Orders of the Day will have precedence as is provided by the Standing Order in regard to Notices of Motion."

5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That Orders of the Day, Nos. 2 to 8 inclusive, General Business, be Orders of the Day for Thursday next.

6. DEBATE—LIMITATION OF.—Mr. McWilliams moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, in order to facilitate the Parliamentary business of the Commonwealth, provision should be made to secure—whilst preserving proper freedom of debate—the discussions of the House being confined within more reasonable limits.

   Debate ensued.

   The time allowed for the precedence of General Business having terminated, Government Business was called on.

7. SUPPLY RESOLUTIONS.—ESTIMATES, AND ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND BUILDINGS (1904–5).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply—the said resolutions were read, and are as follow :—

ESTIMATES, 1904–5.

Resolved—That, including the several sums already voted in this present Session of Parliament for such services, there be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1904–5 for the several services hereunder specified, sums not exceeding in each case the following amounts, viz. :—

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I. The Parliament	29,956
II. The Department of External Affairs	45,477
III. The Attorney-General's Department	10,394
IV. The Department of Home Affairs	166,803
V. The Department of the Treasury	37,193
Refunds of Revenue	30,000
Advance to the Treasurer	200,000
VI. The Department of Trade and Customs	269,797
VII. The Department of Defence	592,127
VIII. The Postmaster-General's Department	2,533,539

ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1904–5.

Resolved—That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1904–5 for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a sum not exceeding £404,240.

And, after debate, the said resolutions were adopted by the House.

8. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had agreed to certain resolutions.

Mr. Reid moved, by leave, That the Standing Orders be suspended in order to allow the Report from the Committee of Ways and Means to be adopted and the Bill for the appropriation for Works and Buildings to be passed through all its stages without delay, and the Appropriation Bill to be read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

9. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTIONS.—Mr. Salmon reported from the Committee of Ways and Means certain resolutions, which were read, and are as follow :—

Resolved—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1904–5, a sum not exceeding Two million forty-six thousand and eight pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

Resolved—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year 1904–5, a sum not exceeding Four hundred and four thousand two hundred and forty pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

And the said resolutions were adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Reid and Sir George Turner do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing resolutions.

10. APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1904–5.—Mr. Reid then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and five for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Reid moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair ; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.

On the motion of Mr. Reid the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Reid moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

11. APPROPRIATION BILL 1904–5.—Mr. Reid also brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and five and to appropriate the supplies granted for such year in this Session of the Parliament,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

12. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Reid moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at a quarter to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Batchelor, Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chapman, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Groom, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Mauger, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Sir George Turner.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. DEFENCE BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. McCay moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same with an amendment.
Mr. McCay moved, by leave, That the Bill be allowed to pass through its remaining stages this day.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. McCay moved, That the Report from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill be now adopted.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. McCay moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1904-5.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 19.

The Senate has agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and five for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.,*" without amendments.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 25th November, 1904.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. McLean moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House at eight minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Batchelor, Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Bruce Smith, Sir George Turner, and Mr. Watkins.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented by Mr. Reid, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General.

Message No. 23.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the service of the Year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and five for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
Melbourne, 25th November, 1904.

3. PETITION.—Mr. Lee presented a Petition from Wm. Sz. Sydney, styling himself Archbishop of Sydney, Metropolitan of New South Wales, President of the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney, praying that, as requested by resolution of the said Synod, a clause may be inserted in the Papua (British New Guinea) Bill prohibiting the importation and sale of intoxicating drinks for beverage purposes in British New Guinea.

Petition received and read.

4. PAPER.—Mr. Reid presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Banking Returns of the various States of the Commonwealth and New Zealand for the years 1901, 1902, and 1903.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

5. COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the amendments made by the Senate in this Bill—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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6. PAPUA (BRITISH NEW GUINEA) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same with amendments.

Mr. Reid moved, by leave, That the Bill be allowed to pass through its remaining stages this day.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

On the motion of Mr. Reid, the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Reid moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

7. KALGOORLIE TO PORT AUGUSTA RAILWAY SURVEY BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.

On the motion of Mr. Dugald Thomson, the House adopted the Report.

On the motion of Mr. Reid, the House ordered that leave be given to move the third reading this day.

Mr. Dugald Thomson moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 33.		Noes, 14.	
Mr. Bamford,	Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. McLean,	Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Storrer,
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. O'Malley,	Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. David Thomson,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Poynton,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Wilson.
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Reid,	Mr. McWilliams,	
Mr. Conroy,	Mr. Skene,	Mr. Page,	*Tellers.*
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Spence,	Mr. Ronald,	Mr. Tudor.
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Thomas,		
Mr. Fowler,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,		
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Watkins,		
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Watson,		
Mr. Johnson,	Mr. Webster.		
Mr. Lee,			
Mr. Liddell,			
Mr. Lonsdale,	*Tellers.*		
Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Frazer,		
Mr. McCay,	Mr. Wilks.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Reid moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twelve minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Harper, Mr. Kingston, and Sir George Turner.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PETITION.—Mr. Spence presented a Petition from certain electors of New South Wales, styling themselves representatives of the Trades Unions of that State, praying that the House will pass the provisions in the Trade Marks Bill for the registering of a trade union label as a trade mark under the Bill.

Petition received and read.

3. PAPERS.—Mr. McCay presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Defence Act 1903.—Naval Forces.—Amendment of Financial and Allowance Regulations—Part IX.—Naval Militia.—Paragraph 77, dated 16th November, 1904 (Statutory Rules 1904, No. 72).

The following Papers were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

High Court—

Details as to cases dealt with (to 5th October, 1904).—Return to an Order of the House, dated 18th October, 1904.

Number of Sittings, Appeals, Amount of Expenditure, &c., during first year of existence.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 18th October, 1904.

4. COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration in Committee of the whole House of the amendments made by the Senate in this Bill—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SEA-CARRIAGE OF GOODS BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 20.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act relating to the Sea-Carriage of Goods*," and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 30th November, 1904.

6. SEA-CARRIAGE OF GOODS BILL.—Mr. McLean moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to the Sea-Carriage of Goods*," be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

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7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—TRADE MARKS BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 21.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act relating to Trade Marks,*" and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 30th November, 1904.

8. TRADE MARKS BILL.—Mr. McLean moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Trade Marks,*" be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Reid moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-nine minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Kingston, Sir John Quick, and Sir George Turner.

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Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 1st DECEMBER, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. Precedence to Government Business.—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to notice, That Government Business take precedence of General Business (Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day).
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.

3. Home Rule for Ireland.—Mr. Ronald moved, pursuant to notice, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty as follows :—

May it please Your Majesty :

We, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Members of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia in Parliament assembled, desire most earnestly in our name and on behalf of the people whom we represent, to express our unswerving loyalty and devotion to Your Majesty's person and Government.

We have observed, with feelings of profound satisfaction, the evidence afforded by the recent speeches from the Throne, and debates thereon in the Houses of Lords and Commons of the United Kingdom, and also from Your Most Gracious Majesty's recent visits to Ireland, of a sincere desire on all sides to usher in a new era of lasting peace and goodwill in Ireland, and this House congratulates the Mother country on the just and equitable legislation recently passed on the land and education questions, and hopes for an early and lasting settlement of the troublesome problem of the government of Ireland, which has taxed the powers of British statesmen for so long.

Enjoying and appreciating as we do the blessings of self-government here, we would humbly express the hope that a just measure of Home Rule will be granted to the people of Ireland. We would point out that land purchase was half of the proposed settlement of Ireland's difficulties in 1881, and that recently Your Majesty's Advisers saw fit to pass a liberal measure of land purchase, thus removing the great hindrance to Home Rule.

We desire to point to our own experience, and to emphasize the blessings which accrue to this Commonwealth from the Federal system of Home Rule under which our people live, and the benefits in which the people of Australia, with their fellow citizens and subjects of the Dominion of Canada, rejoice. This extended experience which Your Most Gracious Majesty's subjects have had of the inestimable benefits resulting from self-government being bestowed on the Australian States and Commonwealth, only intensifies their desire to affirm through their representatives in Parliament the sentiment that nothing could give more solidarity to the Empire over which Your Most Gracious Majesty rules than a liberal measure of Federal Home Rule being granted to the people of Ireland.

Mr. Ronald not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday next.

4. Income Tax—Decision of High Court.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That, in order that all citizens of the Commonwealth may be placed upon an equal footing with respect to Income Tax, the Government should introduce a short Bill for the purpose of imposing a Federal Income Tax, to apply to all persons in the Commonwealth, who, by the decision of the High Court, escape payment of State Income Tax—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Wilks moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday next.

5. Government Manufacture and Sale of Tobacco, etc.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Senate's Message, No. 3—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, on Thursday, 15th instant, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. Postponement of Orders of the Day.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 3 to 9 inclusive, General Business, be Orders of the Day for Thursday next, and that Order of the Day No. 10, General Business, be an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

7. Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Bill—Senate's Amendments.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration in Committee of the whole House of the amendments made by the Senate in this Bill—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. Adjournment.—Mr. Reid moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at five minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present except—Mr. Kingston, Sir John Quick, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Sir George Turner.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 2ND DECEMBER, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. G. B. Edwards rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The proposed arrangement for Silver Coinage."
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
Mr. G. B. Edwards moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.

3. ALTERATION OF TIME OF MEETING, AND PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to notice, *amended*, That, unless otherwise ordered, the hour of meeting on each Wednesday and Thursday shall be half-past ten o'clock in the morning; Government Business to take precedence.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration in Committee of the whole House of the amendments made by the Senate in this Bill—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. McLean moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at fourteen minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Culpin, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Thomas, and Sir George Turner.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 6TH DECEMBER, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPER.—Mr. Reid presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

   Coinage.—Précis of Replies received from various Institutions and Persons with regard to the expediency or otherwise of Decimalizing the Coinage of the Commonwealth on the basis suggested by the Select Committee appointed by the House of Representatives.

   Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

3. COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration in Committee of the whole House of the amendments made by the Senate in this Bill—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

   Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. PAPER.—The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—

   Postal, Telegraphic, and Telephonic Business at certain Queensland Post Offices.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 24th November, 1904.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Reid moved, That the House do now adjourn.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House at thirty-one minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Culpin, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Page, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Storrer, Mr. Thomas, and Sir George Turner.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PETITION.—Mr. Kelly presented a Petition from G. S. Blair and W. Geo. Bradley, styling themselves President and Secretary respectively of a Conference of Master Bakers of Australia, held in Sydney, praying, in accordance with a resolution of the said Conference, that the House will preserve the great principle of freedom of contract and will, therefore, before passing the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Bill, cause fuller inquiry, by Royal Commission or otherwise, to be made as to the effects such a measure will have upon the industrial life of the people of the Commonwealth.
   Petition received.

3. PAPER.—Mr. Reid presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
   Audit Act 1901.—Transfers of Amounts approved by His Excellency the Governor-General in Council—Financial year 1903-4 (dated 6th December, 1904).

4. COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration in Committee of the whole House of the amendments made by the Senate in this Bill—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
   Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that he had been requested to ask the opinion of Mr. Speaker on a point of order raised in Committee, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
   Resolved—That the House will, so soon as Mr. Speaker has given his opinion on the question, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. POINT OF ORDER.—AMENDMENT ON SENATE'S AMENDMENT.—Mr. Salmon then stated that in the Committee he, as Chairman, had ruled that a proposed amendment on an amendment of the Senate was out of order, as it not merely amended the amendment of the Senate but, in addition, amended the clause, and therefore travelled beyond the scope of the amendment made by the Senate.
   And after other honorable Members had addressed themselves to the question—
   Mr. Speaker ruled that the amendment was not out of order, because although, by defining the meaning of the words "political purposes" in the amendment made by the Senate, it might also be held to define the meaning thereof in the earlier part of the clause, the two matters amended were inseparably related.

6. COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House again resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole on the amendments made by the Senate in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had dealt with the amendments as follows:—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS OF THE SENATE TO WHICH THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HAS DISAGREED.

No. 1. Page 3, clause 4, lines 2–4, leave out "but it does not include a dispute relating to employment in any agricultural, viticultural, horticultural, or dairying pursuit"

No. 2. Page 3, clause 4, lines 19–21, leave out "excepting only persons engaged in domestic service, and persons engaged in agricultural, viticultural, horticultural, or dairying pursuits."

No. 3. Page 12, clause 40, lines 6–9, leave out—

"And provided further that no such preference shall be directed to be given unless the application for such preference is in the opinion of the Court approved by a majority of those affected by the award who have interests in common with the applicants."

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT OF THE SENATE TO WHICH THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HAS AGREED WITH AN AMENDMENT.

No. 4. Page 15, clause 55, after line 32, insert—

"And further provided that no organization shall be entitled to appear before the Court to oppose an application for preference by any organization, so long as its rules or other binding decisions permit the application of its funds to political purposes, or require its members to do anything of a political character."

Amendment No. 4 agreed to with the addition of the following words, viz.:—

"Political purposes" in this section does not include obtaining or maintaining provisions applying to all persons in any particular industry, without discrimination as between those who are and those who are not members of an organization, with respect to the regulation of the following matters:—

(i.) Preservation of life and limb.
(ii.) Compensation for injuries or death.
(iii.) Sanitation.
(iv.) The sex and age of employés.
(v.) The hours of labour.
(vi.) The remuneration of labour.
(vii.) Protection of salaries and wages.
(viii.) Other conditions similarly affecting employment.

Mr. Reid moved, That the Report be now adopted and that Mr. McLean, Mr. McCay, and the Mover be appointed a Committee to draw up Reasons for the House of Representatives disagreeing to Amendments Nos. 1, 2, and 3.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 44.		Noes, 7.	
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Brown,	
Sir Langdon Bonython,	Mr. McCay,	Mr. Frazer,	
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. McColl,	Mr. Hutchison,	*Tellers.*
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. McLean,	Mr. Watkins,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Conroy,	Mr. McWilliams,	Mr. Webster.	Mr. Spence.
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. O'Malley,		
Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Phillips,		
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Poynton,		
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Reid,		
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Ronald,		
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Salmon,		
Mr. Gibb,	Mr. Skene,		
Mr. Glynn,	Mr. Sydney Smith,		
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. David Thomson,		
Mr. Johnson,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,		
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Tudor,		
Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Watson,		
Mr. Knox,	Mr. Willis,		
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Wilson.		
Mr. Liddell,			
Mr. Lonsdale,	*Tellers.*		
Sir William Lyne,	Mr. Groom,		
Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Wilks.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Reid, on behalf of the Committee, brought up such Reasons, which were read, and are as follow :—

Reasons of the House of Representatives for Disagreeing to certain Amendments of the Senate.

As to Amendment No. 1—

Because—

(1) Rules which could be applied by an Arbitration Court in the case of organized trades working under similar conditions, though in different parts of the Commonwealth, could not be applied to rural industries whose conditions vary widely not only in the same branches of rural industry, but also in different localities throughout the Commonwealth.

(2) The likelihood of industrial disputes extending beyond the limits of any one State in the case of such industries is remote.

As to Amendment No. 2—

Because—

(1) Rules which could be applied by an Arbitration Court in the case of organized trades working under similar conditions, though in different parts of the Commonwealth, could not be reasonably applied to the conditions of domestic service.

(2) The likelihood of industrial disputes extending beyond the limits of any one State in the case of domestic service can scarcely be seriously regarded.

As to Amendment No. 3—

Because questions of preference in employment are of such vital importance to the people of the Commonwealth that they demand some such safeguard as that contained in the provision removed from the Bill.

Mr. Reid moved, That the Committee's Reasons be adopted.
Debate ensued.
And the Reasons, by request, being put separately—
Question—That the Reasons in regard to Amendment No. 1 be adopted—put.
The House divided——

Ayes, 34.		Noes, 8.	
Sir Langdon Bonython,	Mr. McCay,	Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. Webster.
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. McColl,	Mr. Brown,	
Mr. Conroy,	Mr. McLean,	Mr. Frazer,	*Tellers.*
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. McWilliams,	Mr. Tudor,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Spence.
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Reid,		
Mr. Gibb,	Mr. Robinson,		
Mr. Glynn,	Mr. Ronald,		
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Skene,		
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Sydney Smith,		
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. David Thomson,		
Mr. Johnson,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,		
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Willis,		
Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Wilson.		
Mr. Knox,			
Mr. Lee,	*Tellers.*		
Mr. Liddell,	Mr. Fuller,		
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Wilks.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
And then the remaining Reasons were adopted.

7. Message from the Senate.—Defence Bill.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

Mr. Speaker, *Message No. 22.*

The Senate has agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Defence Act* 1903'" with the amendments indicated in the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Senate desires the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 7th December, 1904.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith.
And the said amendments were read, and are as follow :—

Schedule of the Amendments made by the Senate.

No. 1. Page 1, clause 3, after line 22, insert—
"and by adding the following paragraph :—
viii. Appoint an officer or officers of the Defence Force to command the whole or any portion of the Defence Force in time of war."

No. 2. Page 2, clause 4, line 4, after "such" insert "seniority and"
No. 3. Page 2, clause 4, line 9, after "exercised" insert "or performed"
No. 4. Page 2, clause 8, line 38, before "General" insert "the"

On the motion of Mr. McCay, the House, after debate, agreed to the amendments.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the remaining Orders of the Day, Government Business, be Orders of the Day for to-morrow, and that Order of the Day No. 1, General Business, be an Order of the Day for Friday next.

9. PRECEDENCE TO NOTICE OF MOTION.—Mr. Reid moved, by leave, That Notice of Motion No. 1, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow, and that it have precedence on that day.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Reid moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House at eighteen minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Culpin, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Page, Mr. Storrer, and Sir George Turner.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 118.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 8TH DECEMBER, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Wilks presented a Petition from certain persons styling themselves Ship-owners and Shipping Agents of the Port of Melbourne, engaged in the oversea carrying trade, against the responsibilities thrown upon them by the Sea-Carriage of Goods Bill, and praying that existing contracts, extending over the next two years, be respected to the full limit, and legislation delayed pending further investigation of the whole matter.

Petition received.

Mr. Kelly presented a Petition from certain persons styling themselves Merchants, Ship-owners, Shipping and Insurance Agents, carrying on business in Sydney and elsewhere in New South Wales, praying that the House will reject the Sea-Carriage of Goods Bill, and also praying that if the Bill is passed into law the House will amend it so as to secure the exemption of existing contracts, and, in addition, provide that the Petitioners may be allowed a reasonable time to make all necessary adjustments before the Bill comes into operation.

Petition received and read.

3. PREFERENTIAL TRADE BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE COLONIES.—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice—

Inasmuch as every increase in trade between the Mother Country and the Colonies or any of them would be of mutual advantage commercially, while collectively, by multiplying their production, profitable employment, population, and exchanges, such increases must enhance the unity and power of the Empire, this House resolves that—

(1) The encouragement of industry and commerce within the Empire is a high national aim of paramount importance to all its peoples.

(2) The proposals of the Secretary of State for the Colonies at the Colonial Conference of 1902, as then approved and since tentatively defined in order to foster inter-Imperial trade, outline a patriotic and statesman-like policy of internal development and external influence, whose details should be discussed by a further Conference at the earliest opportunity.

(3) The Prime Minister be requested to consider the existing openings for preferential trade relations between Australia and other colonies.

(4) The Prime Minister be invited to obtain all data necessary for the preparation of a measure granting a preference to British imports into Australia which compete solely with imports from foreign countries.

(5) The Prime Minister is hereby authorized for and on behalf of the Commonwealth to offer to the Government of the United Kingdom a preference upon its exports to Australia in return for a preference upon our exports to Great Britain and Ireland, such preferences to be reciprocally adjusted according to Schedules sanctioned by Parliament.

Two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the speech of the honorable Member was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 119, but he was, by leave of the House, allowed to continue his speech.

Mr. Reid moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
And after debate—
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
And after debate—
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

4. APPROPRIATION BILL 1904-5.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Reid moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.
On the motion of Mr. Reid, the House adopted the Report.
Mr. Reid moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Isaacs moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
And after debate—
Motion for the adjournment of the debate, by leave, withdrawn.
Question—That the Bill be now read a third time—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

5. SEA-CARRIAGE OF GOODS BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Reid moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Reid moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House at twenty-one minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Culpin, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Page, Mr. Storrer, and Sir George Turner.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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No. 119.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 9TH DECEMBER, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 23.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Conciliation and Arbitration for the Prevention and Settlement of Industrial Disputes extending beyond the Limits of any one State*," and acquaints the House that the Senate does not insist upon its amendments Nos. 1, 2, and 3 disagreed to by the House of Representatives, and agrees to the amendment of the House of Representatives upon Amendment No. 4 of the Senate.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 8th December, 1904.

3. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS TO ALLOW BILLS TO PASS WITHOUT DELAY.—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to notice, That for the rest of the session, when necessary, the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the remaining stages of any Bills, after their second reading, to be taken without delay.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. MANUFACTURES ENCOURAGEMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 27.		Noes, 6.	
Mr. Bamford,	Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Johnson,	*Tellers.*
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. McCay,	Mr. Lee,	
Sir Langdon Bonython,	Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Reid,	Mr. Conroy,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. McLean,	Mr. Dugald Thomson.	Mr. Poynton.
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Ronald,		
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Skene,		
Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Mr. Spence,		
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. David Thomson,		
Mr. Fowler,	Mr. Watson,		
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Webster,		
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Wilkinson.		
Mr. Knox,	*Tellers.*		
Sir William Lyne,	Mr. Tudor,		
Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Watkins.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. FRAUDULENT TRADE MARKS BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. McLean moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Reid moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at ten minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Culpin, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Groom, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Mauger, Mr. McColl, Mr. Page, Mr. Phillips, Sir John Quick, Mr. Storrer, and Sir George Turner.

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No. 120.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 13TH DECEMBER, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented by Mr. McCay, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No.* 24.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Defence Act* 1903,'" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
Melbourne, 9th December, 1904.

3. PETITION.—Mr. Harper presented a Petition from the Victorian Chamber of Manufactures, under its common seal, praying that the House will strike out of the Trade Marks Bill all the provisions relating to the union label.

Petition received and read.

4. PAPER.—Mr. McCay presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Defence Act 1903.—Military Forces.—Amendment of Financial and Allowance Regulations.—Part VI., Section VI.—Rations (dated 30th November, 1904. Statutory Rules. 1904, No. 73).

5. SEA-CARRIAGE OF GOODS BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same with amendments.

Ordered—That the consideration of the Report be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the remaining Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 1.

7. LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.

Mr. Hume Cook moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clauses 2 and 6.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had reconsidered the portions of the Bill referred to it, and had agreed to the same with amendments.

On the motion of Mr. Hume Cook the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Hume Cook moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

8. PAPER.—Mr. Reid presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Audit Act 1901.—Transfers of Amounts approved by His Excellency the Governor-General in Council, Financial Year 1903–4 (dated 12th December, 1904).

9. Preferential Trade between the United Kingdom and the Colonies.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—

Inasmuch as every increase in trade between the Mother Country and the Colonies or any of them would be of mutual advantage commercially, while collectively, by multiplying their production, profitable employment, population, and exchanges, such increases must enhance the unity and power of the Empire, this House resolves that—

(1) The encouragement of industry and commerce within the Empire is a high national aim of paramount importance to all its peoples.

(2) The proposals of the Secretary of State for the Colonies at the Colonial Conference of 1902 as then approved and since tentatively defined in order to foster inter-Imperial trade, outline a patriotic and statesman-like policy of internal development and external influence, whose details should be discussed by a further conference at the earliest opportunity.

(3) The Prime Minister be requested to consider the existing openings for preferential trade relations between Australia and other Colonies.

(4) The Prime Minister be invited to obtain all data necessary for the preparation of a measure granting a preference to British imports into Australia which compete solely with imports from foreign countries.

(5) The Prime Minister is hereby authorized, for and on behalf of the Commonwealth, to offer to the Government of the United Kingdom a preference upon its exports to Australia in return for a preference upon our exports to Great Britain and Ireland, such preferences to be reciprocally adjusted according to Schedules sanctioned by Parliament—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Glynn moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

And after debate—

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 27.		Noes, 15.	
Mr. Brown,	Mr. O'Malley,	Mr. Chapman,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Poynton,	Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Reid,	Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Robinson,	Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Watson.
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Gibb,	
Mr. Glynn,	Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Higgins,	*Tellers.*
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. David Thomson,	Mr. Isaacs,	
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,	Mr. Knox,	Mr. Hume Cook,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Webster,	Mr. McCay,	Mr. McColl.
Mr. Liddell,	Mr. Wilson.		
Mr. Lonsdale,			
Sir William Lyne,	*Tellers.*		
Mr. Mahon,			
Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Tudor,		
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Wilks.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

10. Sea-Carriage of Goods Bill.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole House on this Bill, Mr. Reid moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clauses 4 and 6A.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had reconsidered the portions of the Bill referred to it, and had agreed to the same with amendments.

On the motion of Mr. Reid the House adopted the Reports.

Mr. Reid moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

11. Adjournment.—Mr. Reid moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House at five minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present except—Mr. Batchelor, Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Culpin, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Groom, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Mauger, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Page, Sir John Quick, Mr. Storrer, Mr. Thomas, Sir George Turner, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Wilkinson, and Mr. Willis.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 121.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH DECEMBER, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PREFERENTIAL TRADE BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE COLONIES.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—

Inasmuch as every increase in trade between the Mother Country and the Colonies or any of them would be of mutual advantage commercially, while collectively, by multiplying their production, profitable employment, population, and exchanges, such increases must enhance the unity and power of the Empire, this House resolves that—

(1) The encouragement of industry and commerce within the Empire is a high national aim of paramount importance to all its peoples.

(2) The proposals of the Secretary of State for the Colonies at the Colonial Conference of 1902 as then approved and since tentatively defined in order to foster inter-Imperial trade, outline a patriotic and statesman-like policy of internal development and external influence, whose details should be discussed by a further conference at the earliest opportunity.

(3) The Prime Minister be requested to consider the existing openings for preferential trade relations between Australia and other Colonies.

(4) The Prime Minister be invited to obtain all data necessary for the preparation of a measure granting a preference to British imports into Australia which compete solely with imports from foreign countries.

(5) The Prime Minister is hereby authorized, for and on behalf of the Commonwealth, to offer to the Government of the United Kingdom a preference upon its exports to Australia in return for a preference upon our exports to Great Britain and Ireland, such preferences to be reciprocally adjusted according to Schedules sanctioned by Parliament—

Debate resumed.
Mr. Webster moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
And after debate—
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 22.		Noes, 17.	
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Poynton,	Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Reid,	Mr. Hume Cook,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Robinson,	Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Glynn,	Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Skene,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Gibb,	Mr. Webster.
Mr. Johnson,	Mr. Spence,	Mr. Isaacs,	
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. David Thomson,	Mr. Knox,	*Tellers.*
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Dugald Thomson.	Mr. Maloney,	
Mr. Liddell,		Mr. McCay,	Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Lonsdale,	*Tellers.*	Mr. McLean,	Mr. McColl.
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Tudor,		
Mr. O'Malley,	Mr. Wilks.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

3. PAPER.—Mr. Speaker presented—

Finance 1903–4.—The Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure during the year ended 30th June, 1904, accompanied by the Report of the Auditor-General.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—APPROPRIATION BILL 1904–5.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 24.

The Senate has agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and five, and to appropriate the supplies granted for such year in this session of the Parliament,*" without requests.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 14th December, 1904.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SEA-CARRIAGE OF GOODS BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 26.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to the Sea-Carriage of Goods,*" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to Nos. 1, 4, and 6 of the amendments made by the House, has agreed to amendments Nos. 2 and 5 with amendments, and to amendment No. 3, with a consequential amendment in clause 4, as indicated by the annexed Schedule.

The Senate desires the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments to the amendments of the House of Representatives.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 14th December, 1904.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith in Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had agreed to the amendments made by the Senate.

And the said amendments were read, and are as follow :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AGREED TO BY THE SENATE WITH AMENDMENTS—TO WHICH AMENDMENTS THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HAS AGREED.

In amendment No. 2, viz. :—

No. 2.—Clause 3, page 1, after line 10, insert new sub-clause :—

"(2) This Act shall not apply to any bill of lading or document made before the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and five in pursuance of a contract or agreement entered into before the passing of this Act."

Amendment to insert new sub-clause (2) agreed to with the following amendment :—Leave out "passing of this Act," insert "seventeenth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and four."

In amendment No. 3, viz. :—

No. 3.—Clause 4, page 2, line 2, after "diligence" insert "and to properly man, equip, and supply the ship, to make and keep the ship seaworthy."

Amendment agreed to with the following consequential amendment in clause 4 :—In paragraph (*b*), leave out the first word "the," insert "any."

In amendment No. 5, viz. :—

No. 5.—After clause 6 insert new clause :—

"6A. (1) In every bill of lading or document with respect to goods a warranty shall be implied that the ship shall be, at the beginning of the voyage, seaworthy in all respects and properly manned, equipped, and supplied.

(2) In every bill of lading or document with respect to goods, unless the contra intention appears, a clause shall be implied whereby, if the ship is at the beginning of th voyage seaworthy in all respects and properly manned, equipped, and supplied, neither the ship, nor her owner, master, agent, or charterer shall be responsible for damage to or loss of the goods resulting from—

(*a*) faults or errors in navigation, or
(*b*) perils of the sea or navigable waters, or
(*c*) acts of God or the King's enemies, or
(*d*) the inherent defect quality or vice of the goods, or
(*e*) the insufficiency of package of the goods, or
(*f*) the seizure of the goods under legal process, or
(*g*) any act of omission of the shipper or owner of the goods, his agent or representative, or
(*h*) saving or attempting to save life or property at sea, or
(*i*) any deviation in saving or attempting to save life or property at sea."

Amendment to insert new clause 6A agreed to with the following amendments :—

In line 1, leave out " or document."

In line 5, leave out " or document."

On the motion of Mr. Reid, the House adopted the Report.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PAPUA (BRITISH NEW GUINEA) BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No.* 25.

The Senate has agreed to the Bill returned herewith intituled " *A Bill for an Act to provide for the acceptance of British New Guinea as a Territory under the authority of the Commonwealth, and for the Government thereof,*" with the amendments indicated in the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Senate desires the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 14th December, 1904.

Ordered, after debate—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

7. PAPERS.—Mr. Dugald Thomson presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Public Service.—Particulars in regard to officers who have been paid increments under section 19 of the Victorian Public Service Act.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Dugald Thomson presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Public Service Act 1902.—Amendment of Regulations (dated 7th December, 1904.—Statutory Rules 1904, No. 76).

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Reid moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House at twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Batchelor, Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Culpin, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Groom, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Mauger, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Page, Sir John Quick, Mr. Storrer, Sir George Turner, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Wilkinson, and Mr. Willis.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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